ACF Stakeholders Making Progress

Incorporated as a nonprofit organization in September 2009, ACF Stakeholders, Inc. (ACFS) is a diverse group representing municipal, industrial, environmental, recreational, seafood and agricultural interests from North Georgia to the Gulf of Mexico. ACFS’ mission is to change the operation, management and possible infrastructure of the basin to provide:

- equitable solutions among stakeholders that balance economic, ecological, and social values; and,
- viable solutions that ensure that the entire ACF Basin is a sustainable resource for current and future generations.

To fulfill its mission, the ACFS has raised over $1 million and initiated a data and consensus-driven process. The 56-member governing board, with the support of environmental engineering and dispute resolution consultants are working to

1. identify the flow regime and lake levels necessary to sustain the river system;
2. provide metrics on water quantity and quality needs to test options and explore trade-offs;
3. develop viable water management scenarios based on hydrologic modeling;
4. guide consensus on water allocation;
5. research institutional options for basin-wide management; and,
6. make recommendations to the key decision makers in the three states and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Significant progress has been made in the hydrologic modeling and an update will be provided on the current project status.

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