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SINGLETARY LAKE GROUP CAMP  
JONES LAKE RECREATIONAL AREA  
ELIZABETHTOWN, N. C.

July 10, 1950

Mr. Thomas W. Morse  
Superintendent of State Parks  
Division of State Parks  
Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Mr. Morse:

The condition at White Lake in regards to the dis-coloration of the water is about the same. The rainfall that we have had since Thursday has raised the level of the lake and this has helped to improve conditions some.

On July 5, 1950 Mr. C. W. Wicker, County Sanitarian, and I collected 20 samples of water at 10 different places, two samples at each place. The samples were taken at the following places: Lee's Beach, Marshburn's Beach, 4-H Club Camp, Crystal Beach, Goldston's Beach, Lasley's Place, Melvin's Beach, Camp Chickagami, F.F.A. Camp, and center of the lake. We also collected in a half gallon fruit jar, some of the moss and some of the dirty and muddiest water we could find, this was taken at the state pier about 3 feet from lake shore. The samples taken at the different beaches were taken about 50 feet from the end of the piers, except the one at the F.F.A. Camp. There were several people in swimming at the F.F.A. Camp and we got right in the middle of the swimmers and took 2 samples. The samples were taken between 10 a.m. and 12 noon. As soon as they were taken they were packed on ice and Mr. Wicker headed straight to Raleigh with them.

To save time I ask Mr. Wicker to ask the state Board of Health in Raleigh to make a report directly to you and also to send me a copy of the report.

The attendance at White Lake has not been what I believe that it would have if the rumor had not gotten out that White Lake had become polluted. If you feel free to do so, after the results of this report reaches your office, I would appreciate you making a statement concerning White Lake to the associated press.. I feel that this would be a good move from a public relation standpoint.

I will keep you informed as best I can in regard to the situation at White Lake.

Sincerely,  
*Thomas C. Ellis*  
Thomas C. Ellis  
Senior Park Ranger

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