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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

15 July 2010

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

**O.C. FISHER LAKE ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PROJECT
SAN ANGELO, TEXAS**

Description. Interested parties are hereby notified that the District Engineer, Fort Worth District, has prepared a Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) and a draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) regarding the proposed change in project implementation of the ecosystem restoration project within and surrounding O.C. Fisher Lake. The current project, which is in the construction phase includes removing salt cedar and the reduction of mesquite, willow baccharis and prickly pear. The plan also includes native tree and shrub plantings within degraded riparian woodlands and black willow riparian habitat.

Statutory Authority. The study is authorized under the authority of Section 1135 (b) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986, as amended (33 USC 2201). In a letter dated May 14, 2002, City of San Angelo expressed their desire to participate in an ecosystem restoration study comprising all federal lands associated with O.C. Fisher Lake. The Upper Colorado River Authority (UCRA) joined the project as the local non-federal Sponsor during project design and implementation.

Background. The original Environmental Assessment (EA) for the O.C. Fisher Lake Ecosystem Restoration Project proposed mechanical excavation of the mesquite trees. The UCRA will be unable to fund their portion of the cost share for mesquite removal due to budgetary constraints, unless a more cost effective method of removal/reduction of mesquite is identified. The UCRA has proposed using herbicide application to treat the mesquite, which is currently estimated to be half the cost of mechanical removal.

Proposed Action. The proposed change to project implementation would be to use helicopter aerial herbicide application for Mesquite control rather than the mechanical means of excavation and extraction outlined in the original EA.

Public Meeting. A public meeting has not been scheduled for this proposed action. Prior to the close of the comment period, any person may make a written request for a public meeting, setting forth the particular reasons for the request. The District Engineer will determine whether the issues raised are substantial and should be considered in his decision. If a public meeting is warranted, all known interested parties will be notified of the time, date, and location of such a meeting.

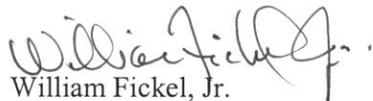
Public Review. Pursuant to the regulations implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 as amended in 1975 (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR], Parts 1500 through 1508), the U.S. Department of the Army gives notice that it has prepared the required

environmental documentation for the O.C. Fisher Lake Ecosystem Restoration Project San Angelo, Texas.
This document is available for review at the following addresses:

Upper Colorado River Authority (UCRA)
512 Orient Street
San Angelo, TX

In addition, it will be posted on the USACE, Fort Worth District website at
<http://www.swf.usace.army.mil>

Comment Period. The comment period for this action is 30 days from the date of this Public Notice.
Please address any comments to Ms. Hollie Hunter, CESWF-PER-EE, Post Office Box 17300, Fort
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