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Corps of Engineers continues to monitor Corps lakes and levees in Texas

FORT WORTH, Texas – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, continues to monitor the 25 lakes in Texas that the District operates. Of these lakes, 22 are in the flood pool or above. A flood pool is the area that holds flood waters so as to protect downstream lives and property. When downstream conditions permit, water is released from the flood pool.

Staff in the District's Reservoir Control Section are now operating 24 hours a day and are in constant coordination with operations at the lakes as well as with the state Emergency Operations Center in Austin. In addition, lakes that are discharging flood waters or nearing full capacity of their flood pools are under constant surveillance to ensure the structural integrity of the dams. The Dallas Floodway and levee system is functioning as designed.

Rivers most affected by recent rains are the Elm Fork in the Trinity Basin and the upper Little River and the San Gabriel River in the Brazos River basin.

Within the Elm Fork basin, the three lake system of Grapevine, Lewisville and Ray Roberts together are holding 767,000 acre-feet of water as of today and rising steadily. The flood water within Ray Roberts and Lewisville Lakes occupies about 107 percent of their flood pools. Because of rain over the weekend, the Trinity River at Dallas is forecast by the National Weather Service to remain above 14,000 cubic feet per second for the next five days and with the control point flow at Dallas at 13,000 cfs, the Corps will not be making deliberate releases until it is safe to do so.

The upper Little River system consists of Proctor, Belton, and Stillhouse Lakes. The combined flood storage currently occupied in this system is 947,000 acre-feet and increasing. Releases were started Friday at Proctor Lake and from Belton and Stillhouse Lakes on Saturday. Releases will continue to increase in order to maintain a 10,000 to 12,000 cfs flow on the Little River at Cameron, Texas.

Flood storage at Georgetown and Granger Lakes on the San Gabriel River total approximately 128,000 acre-feet and is increasing. Small releases of 1,000 cfs from Granger Lake and 500 cfs from Georgetown Lake were begun on Saturday.

The flood water presently in these systems will require in excess of 30 days to be discharged. With any additional rain, this release time will be extended.

The lakes are forecast to rise to the following levels through July 7. If additional rainfall occurs, these forecasted elevations will increase.

Project Name	Top Cons Pool Elevation	Current Elevation	Top Flood Pool Elevation	Forecasted Elevation	Flood Pool Percent Full
Benbrook	694.00	704.44	724.00	706.5	33
Ray Roberts	632.50	640.90	640.50	641	107
Lewisville	522.00	532.69	532.00	534	125
Grapevine	535.00	551.65	560.00	553	66
Bardwell	421.00	428.19	439.00	431	49
Whitney	533.00	552.47	571.00	562	70
Waco	462.00	482.13	500.00	Peaked	43
Proctor	1162.00	1190.23	1197.00	1191	75
Belton	594.00	621.37	631.00	624	76
Stillhouse	622.00	656.24	666.00	658	77
Georgetown	791.00	819.65	834.00	820	58
Granger	504.00	516.80	528.00	517.5	45

Lewisville Lake is forecast to go about 2 feet over the spillway with about 4,000 cfs due to the additional rain over the weekend. No extreme flooding downstream is expected even when releases are made through the floodgates or due to water going over the spillway.

The Corps of Engineers is concerned for public safety. Recreation opportunities at Corps lakes are very limited at this time. Shorelines have changed drastically and facilities are under water. People who are successful in getting on the lakes should use extra caution and watch for submerged debris, picnic tables, signage and other objects which are typically in full view. Property owners adjacent to the lakes may expect flooding onto easements.

For current conditions, call the lake office or visit <http://www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/drought/drought.htm>.