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Corps of Engineers, Proctor Lake update

FORT WORTH, Texas – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, continues to release stored flood water at Proctor Lake so that water levels can return to conservation pool levels. Proctor Lake's current elevation is 1174.32 feet above mean sea level and is currently dropping about five inches per day.

During the height of the flooding, Proctor Lake experienced several seepage areas at the toe of the dam. The seepage areas were contained and have now dried.

All of the park areas were impacted by flooding, and many will require extensive cleaning and repairs once the flood waters recede. Work is underway on a few camping areas to get them ready for use. Some sites and facilities experienced much more damage than anticipated and will require more time to get them back into service. Copperas Creek Park has no useable campsites. At Sowell Creek Park, 20 of the 61 campsites there will be ready for use in the next few weeks. Promontory Park has one group shelter still functional but the rest of the park is closed.

Anyone having a dwelling on flowage easement in Frees Lakeview or Buffalo Springs Subdivisions which was damaged or destroyed as a result of the recent flood event will not be allowed to replace, repair or build back their structure because of safety concerns. Proctor Lake was constructed for flood control and flowage easements are necessary at flood control lakes to store flood waters. Historically, these areas have experienced substantial flooding several times over the past 20 years and in all probability this will occur again. Flooding will continue to pose a serious risk of loss to life and private property and structures in the flowage easement have a significant chance of hindering the Army Corps of Engineers' ability to fight floods in the years to come.

