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Corps of Engineers to conduct Camp Howze public meeting

FORT WORTH, TX – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will conduct a public meeting to introduce the details of the investigation of the former Camp Howze, a formerly used defense site located near Gainesville, Texas. USACE representatives will be available to explain the project and answer questions. Landowners notified by mail are also invited to discuss the rights-of-entry process with Corps officials at the meeting.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 18, 2009, at the Gainesville Civic Center, 311 South Weaver, in Gainesville.

Formerly used defense sites were used by the military to train Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors and Marines as well as to test new weapons and warfare capabilities. From 1941-1946, the former Camp Howze was used as an infantry division center, and contained numerous maneuver areas, mortar ranges, rifle ranges, and other infantry training areas. A remedial investigation is being conducted at the former camp to determine if munition hazards remain at the site.

The Army's number one priority is public health and safety. The public is reminded to practice the 3Rs: Recognize – any suspicious objects found in the area should not be touched. Retreat – carefully leave the area. Report – immediately call the police or sheriff and report what was found and its approximate location.

For more information about the former Camp Howze, please contact Mr. Stephen Swindt, project manager, at (817) 886-1364.

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About the Fort Worth District: The Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was established in 1950. The District is responsible for water resources development in two-thirds of Texas, and military design and construction in Texas and parts of Louisiana and New Mexico. Visit the Fort Worth District web site at: www.swf.usace.army.mil.