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Corps of Engineers plans Joint Cooperative Management Lease at area Lakes

FORT WORTH, Texas –The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District plans to announce an important change in the operation of several parks on Sam Rayburn Reservoir.

The Corps plans to enter into a Joint Cooperative Management Lease Agreement with the Our Lands and Waters Foundation, a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization, for the cooperative management of Mill Creek, Twin Dikes, San Augustine, Rayburn, Ebenezer, and Hanks Creek Parks located at Sam Rayburn Reservoir.

The Corps is currently partnered with the Our Lands and Waters Foundation to operate and manage Hickory Creek, Westlake and Oakland Parks on Lewisville Lake.

The Our Lands and Waters Foundation, is a non-profit foundation established to upgrade and enhance the aging facilities on the lakes managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Opportunities for the Foundation include educating constituents about the mission, services and amenities of the projects, enhancing stewardship, and securing partners for facility development along the lakes.

Under the lease agreement, the Our Lands and Waters Foundation will take over several operational aspects of these parks, including the continued use of the existing National Recreation Reservation System reservation service.

Reservations will not be affected, and customers can continue reserving facilities in these parks through NRRS at www.Recreation.gov or by calling toll free (877) 444-6777. The Corps will preserve its responsibilities for maintenance, park cleaning, mowing, trash collection, and Title 36 enforcement.

OLWF will provide staff to operate the gate houses and collect fees. Hours of operation and rules governing the use of the parks will not change at this time. Additional information on the Our Lands and Waters Foundation can be viewed at www.ourlandsandwaters.com.

Public comments and inquiries may be sent to the Sam Rayburn Lake Office, Rt. 3, Box 486, Jasper, Texas, 75951, or by phone at (409) 384-5716.

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