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Belton Dam to undergo repairs beginning in January

FORT WORTH, Texas – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District will begin repairs on the upstream slope of Belton Dam in January. The damage occurred during the 2007 floods where lake levels entered the flood pool. Wind and wave action hitting the slope caused surface layer displacement of rip rap, a rock or similar product which protects the underlying layers of the dam.

The almost \$12 million American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 project is expected to take 12 to 18 months to complete. Repairs will involve lowering the lake level about two feet to aid in rip rap removal, re-grading of the soil and replacement of the rip rap to ensure an adequate layer of protection. The integrity of the dam will not be affected during the repair process.

Closure of FM 2271, which runs across the top of the dam, is not anticipated, however, temporary traffic disruptions may occur. Due to the already narrow driving lanes motorists driving across the dam should exercise caution. For more information regarding this repair project call the Belton Lake Office at (254) 939-2461.

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