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Corps announces information exchange meeting – Lake Ralph Hall

FORT WORTH, Texas – The Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will hold an information exchange meeting on historic resources for the proposed Lake Ralph Hall/Sulphur River area, 5 to 9 p.m., January 21, at the Fannindel High School cafeteria, 601 West Main Street, Ladonia Texas, 75449.

This meeting is being held to educate the public on the role of the Corps in evaluating the historic and prehistoric resources that could be affected by the construction of the lake. It is also an opportunity for the public to provide the Corps information on historic or prehistoric resources that are important to consider during our decision-making process.

Specifically, the Corps' interest is comprised of three broad categories of prehistoric, historic and paleontology resources. Prehistoric sites are familiar to many people through arrowheads and other Native American (or Indian) artifacts. Historic sites include historic homes, buildings, bridges, or even communities that may or may not still be intact. Photographs, documents, and stories are part of this segment of the resource. Finally, the fossil shells, sharks' teeth, and bones are part of the paleontology resource.

Beginning at 7p.m., two speakers will provide overviews of the historic resources in the proposed lake area. The first speaker will talk on the prehistoric and historic-age sites that have been identified in the area. The second speaker will provide information on the fossils that are commonly found in the Sulphur River and have made the area well-known to paleontologists.

After the speakers have completed their presentations, the meeting will be opened to the public for questions, discussions, and sharing information.

Meeting attendees are encouraged to bring fossils and artifacts to be identified, and share photographs or documents of the area history. These items will be carefully analyzed to gather historical information but will remain in their owner's possession.

Public input is essential to help understand and evaluate the historic resources of the proposed Lake Ralph Hall. For additional information about this story contact Skipper Scott, Corps Archeologist, at (817) 886-1742.

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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.

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