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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announce possible closure of Corps Parks

FORT WORTH, Texas – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District officials are preparing for possible closure of all Corps-operated campgrounds and day-use parks at the 25 lakes operated by the District in Texas if the potential shutdown of the federal government goes into effect. Affected recreation areas would not reopen until after the shutdown is lifted. The Fort Worth District regrets the impacts that these closure actions might have on the recreating public currently using or planning to use these facilities, and will work to keep the public informed about their availability.

Corps parks leased to partner agencies and concessionaires will remain open, but cannot be supported by the Corps while the shutdown is in place.

Corps-operated parks and day use areas will be closed to new visitors and uses on April 9 until further notice. Any event scheduled in the parks must be cancelled effective with the government shutdown. Users of campgrounds on April 9 will be required to vacate not later than 8 p.m. Sunday, April 10. Once all visitors have vacated, lake staff will complete an orderly closure to secure facilities and close and lock gates. Areas that cannot be physically closed that would continue to be accessible by the public, such as small day use areas, will be posted closed.

“The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers understands the impact that these actions might have on the American recreating public if we are required to close our recreation areas,” said Michael G. Ensich, Chief of Operations, Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. “We know that this is a time of year when many vacationing families are using or planning to use Corps recreation facilities, and we will reopen them for public use and enjoyment as quickly as possible.”

In the event of a shutdown, customers may cancel their reservations for a full refund. Customers required to vacate campsites early will receive a partial refund for any unused portion of their reservations. As an alternative, customers may elect to leave reservations open for possible use after the shutdown is lifted. Customers may request a partial refund for any unused portion of their reservation due to the shutdown. To request a refund please contact the reservation service at 1-877-444-6777. If the customer chooses to do nothing, the reservation service will automatically cancel reservations after their departure date during the shutdown period.

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