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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announces Winter Recreation Reductions for Waco Lake

FORT WORTH, Texas – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District has finalized its winter closure plan including operational changes to reduce costs while maintaining as much winter recreational opportunities as possible. The changes are being implemented to reduce operating costs of recreation areas when usage is typically very light. The changes in operations include reductions in open recreational facilities during the winter months at Waco Lake. Areas remaining open will still provide ample recreation for all users, while ensuring the quality of the parks and natural resources.

The camping loop at Speegleville Park will be closed from November 1 until March 1. The boat ramp will remain open to the public via access through the marina road during the closure period. Reynolds creek camping loop will be closed for the entire winter season of October 1 through March 31. The changes to Reynolds Creek also include the opening of the park for day use activities at no charge to the public for the winter season. The day use area will also be open during the summer months under the normal day use fee schedule. Koehne Park will be closed and all amenities will be shut off; however, the boat ramp will remain open and free to the public for boat launch.

Airport Park and Midway Park will remain fully operational and available for the camping public. Twin Bridges main beach and play ground and Reynolds Creek day use area will remain open and free to the public for day use patrons. Boat launching facilities at Speegleville Park, Midway Park, Airport Park, Reynolds Creek, Koehne, Twin Bridges and all remote access points will remain open and available to the public for boat launch access.

The Corps of Engineers first announced their proposed changes in March and provided the public an opportunity to comment. Approximately 50 comments were received and considered before a final decision was made. Two significant changes were made to the original proposed plan based on the input received; including, leaving the boat ramp open in Koehne Park and extending the open season at Speegleville to include the months of October and March.

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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 design and construction at military installations 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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