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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announce temporary emergency closure at Lake O' the Pines

FORT WORTH, Texas – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, announced a temporary emergency closure on parts of Lake O' the Pines due to ongoing fire suppression operations in the area. The closure is necessary to ensure the safety of the Texas Forest Service aircraft "skimming" the lake surface to refill their water tanks, as well as the safety of the boating public during these operations.

Boaters are asked to stay off the main body of the lake near the dam upstream to the Johnson Creek Park area, a distance of approximately three miles. Boaters may continue to use lake areas upstream of Alley Creek Park, or the coves outside of the main body of the lake.

This restriction will remain in place until the Texas Forest Service notifies the Corps that their aircraft are discontinuing fire suppression efforts in the area. The Corps and the many firefighters at work in the region appreciate your concern for their safety.

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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.