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USACE to host public information meeting for Joe Pool Lake Master Plan Revision

FORT WORTH, Texas – Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers representatives will host a public information meeting on May 23 to provide information and receive public input on an initiative to revise the Master Plan for Joe Pool Lake.

The May 23 meeting will be held at The Summit Activity Center, 2975 Esplanade, Grand Prairie, Texas. The meeting will begin with a brief presentation at 6 p.m., followed by an open house forum for individual one-on-one discussion with Corps representatives. The public can view maps, ask questions and provide comments about the master plan revision. Comment forms and instructions for making comments will be provided at the meeting. The formal presentation to be used at the meetings will be available shortly before the meeting on the USACE website at:

<http://www.swf.usace.army.mil/About/Lakes-and-Recreation-Information/Master-Plan-Updates>

A Master Plan is defined by the Corps as the strategic land use management document that guides the comprehensive management and development of all recreational, natural, and cultural resources throughout the life of the water resource development project. In general, it defines "how" the resources will be managed for public use and resource conservation. Revision of the Master Plan will not address in detail the technical operational aspects of the reservoir related to the water supply or flood risk management missions of the project, nor will it address the Shoreline Management Policy Statement which governs vegetation modification of public land by adjacent landowners.

The Master Plan study area will include Joe Pool Lake proper and all adjacent recreational and natural resources properties under Corps administration, including the Federal lands currently leased to the City of Grand Prairie and to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

The current Master Plan for Joe Pool Lake was completed on June 28, 1979 to address the overall management of Federal lands at Joe Pool Lake. The Master Plan is in need of revision to address changes in regional land use, population, outdoor recreation trends and national USACE management policy. Key topics to be addressed in the revised Master Plan include revised land classifications, revised natural and recreational resource management objectives, utility corridors, recreation facility needs and special topics such as invasive species management. Public participation is critical to the successful revision of the Master Plan.

Questions pertaining to the proposed revision can be addressed to: Donald Wiese, CESWF-PEC-TP, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, P.O. Box 17300, Fort Worth, TX 76102-0300, Phone: (817) 886-1568 or email: donald.n.wiese@usace.army.mil.

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