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Corps of Engineers warns of potential boating hazard at Lake O' the Pines

FORT WORTH, Texas – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Lake O' the Pines is advising boaters and fishermen on the lake to be aware of a potential boating hazard in the days ahead.

Due to ongoing pipeline construction, boaters are advised to be extremely cautious when using the Jack Hudson boat lane in the vicinity of the old railroad tramway from Big Oaks to the Meddlin Creek area. The Northeast Texas Municipal Water District is constructing an 18-inch water supply pipeline across Lake O' the Pines to serve customers on the south side of the lake. During the next few days the construction contractor will be assembling the pipeline along the south shore of the lake from Hanson's Retreat to the Camp Joy Area. On or about October 7 the pipeline will be towed into place and filled with water to sink it into the dredged trench. It will be necessary to close the boat lane where it crosses the tramway for a period of approximately 8-10 hours. The floating pipeline will stretch across the entire width of the lake at this point and create a hazard to any boaters using the area. Security personnel will monitor the area and lighted barricades will be put in place to warn boaters of the danger.

For more information, contact the Corps office at Lake O' the Pines at 903-665-2336.

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<u>About the Fort Worth District</u>: 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.