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Corps lakes still holding flood water

FORT WORTH, Texas – The flood of 2007 is a major event affecting 24 of the 25 Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reservoirs. High flows, well above flood stage, were experienced in the six river basins in which the Fort Worth District operates flood control structures.

Despite the scale of the 2007 flood event, it does not compare with the magnitude of the 1957 or 1991-1992 flood events. No new maximum pool levels of record were set this spring, however, seven reservoirs were at their second highest levels and three reservoirs were at their fourth highest levels on record. All five reservoirs on the Little River system set their second highest levels. These reservoirs would have to go over their spillways to set new record high elevations.

It is possible that 20 reservoirs in the District will occupy a portion of their flood pools for over 100 consecutive days before flood releases can be discontinued. The prolonged high lake levels have effected the recreation activities during the first two summer holidays, Memorial Day and July 4, at most of the lakes. This flood is expected to effect lake activities through Labor Day weekend.

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Check out the Fort Worth District Web Site at www.swf.usace.army.mil or Reservoir Control's Web Site at http://www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil.