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Corps of Engineers celebrates National Public Lands Day at lakes in Texas

Fort Worth, Texas - The Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is commemorating the 14th annual National Public Lands Day on Saturday, Sept. 29, at seven of its lakes in Texas. Volunteers at each lake will join more than 100,000 volunteers across America in activities centered around the enhancement of outdoor recreation facilities and the stewardship of public lands.

National Public Lands Day, sponsored by the National Environmental Education and Training Foundation, Inc., will be conducted at an estimated 1,100 sites this year. Americans will make improvements to the nation's largest resource and to honor the work and sacrifice of the Civil Conservation Corps, a cadre of men and women organized over 70 years ago by President Roosevelt. The CCC built over 800 national and state parks, planted almost 4 billion trees, built roads and hiking trails, and laid interstate telephone lines which became the basis for the Internet.

National Public Lands Day began in 1994 with just three sites and 700 volunteers. Today, the event has evolved to a partnership of federal, state and local land management agencies. "Last year, we reached a monumental participation of 100,000 volunteers in National Public Lands Day, and we are expecting to increase this by an additional 10,000 this year," said Robb Hampton, director of National Public Lands Day. "Every 100,000 volunteers represents an additional \$1.8 million worth of labor for American lands."

The Corps of Engineers has participated in the event since 1996 and has attracted more volunteers nationwide than any other agency. The Corps manages nearly 12 million acres of public land and water.

"These are great volunteer opportunities for Texans who want to contribute to our treasures in the great outdoors. I encourage those who can to come out and join in with making our Corps lakes even better," said Col. Christopher Martin, Fort Worth District commander.

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For information about National Public Lands Day visit www.publiclandsday.org . Visit the Fort Worth District web site at www.swf.usace.army.mil.

Editor's Note: The following page outlines NPLD activities at seven Corps of Engineers lakes in Texas.

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Canyon Lake: Volunteers and staff will complete trail work, plant wildflowers, participate in a lake shoreline and park cleanup.

POC: Debbie Shields (830) 964-3341

Granger Lake: Volunteers and staff will plant trees and participate in a shoreline cleanup.

POC: Ben Bohac (512) 859-2668

Hords Creek Lake: Volunteers and staff will plant flowers in flower beds, improve the quail habitat, and complete nature trail maintenance.

POC: Anna McKinney (375) 625-2322

Sam Rayburn Lake: Volunteers and staff will participate in trail maintenance and park area cleanup.

POC: Bart Dearborn (409) 384-5716

Somerville Lake: Volunteers and staff will install wood duck boxes, plant native trees, shrubs and wildflowers.

POC: Russell Meier (979) 596-1624

Waco Lake: Volunteers and staff will participate in planting and weeding at Speegleville Park campground, debris cleanup, and remove tree t-posts at Twin Bridges Park.

POC: Eric Haskell (254) 756-5359

Wright Patman Lake: Volunteers and staff will participate in a lakeshore cleanup, plant trees, and complete trail maintenance.

POC: Megan Conn (903) 665-2336