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U. S. Army Corps of Engineers issues special notice to Trinity River boaters

FORT WORTH, Texas – The US Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, cautions any recreational or commercial users of the Trinity River that a portion of the river will not be navigable beginning October 9, 2006. Realignment of the river in order to protect the bridge and placement of culverts in the river near the I-45 Bridge across from the City of Dallas Water Treatment Plant will make passage impossible for approximately eight months. Another release will be issued to notify users when the river is fully navigable again. The work is being performed by a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers contractor as part of the ongoing Dallas Floodway Extension construction project.

The DFE project consists of a Chain of Wetlands with Standard Project Flood levees and recreation features. The Chain of Wetlands would have a length of 3.7 miles, an average width of 600 feet, and provide overbank flowage capacity for flood waters along the west side of the Trinity River from the Dallas Floodway to Loop 12. Ecosystem restoration within the Chain of Wetlands would result in 271 acres of habitat improvement, consisting of 123 acres of emergent wetlands, 45 acres of open water, and 102 acres of grasslands. The levees would be located along Lamar Street (east side of river) for a distance of 2.9 miles and along the Cadillac Heights neighborhood (west side of river) for a distance of 2.3 miles and provide Standard Project Flood protection. Additionally, there will be approximately 31 miles of recreational trail and 1,179 acres of environmental mitigation within the floodplain.

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