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Corps of Engineers seeks comments on proposed trail extension at Lavon Lake

FORT WORTH, Texas – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, announced today the opening of the comment period for a proposed trail extension at Lavon Lake.

The existing project consists of a multi-purpose trail for hiking and horseback riding. The proposed extension will include the completion of the trail from the current trail head at Highland Park, north to Corps managed property along Wilson Creek. Additional phases will complete the circuit to achieve a trail circumventing the northern portions of Corps managed properties along the East Fork of the Trinity River.

Trinity Trail Preservation Association in cooperation with Collin County Open Space built and maintains the existing portion of the multi-use trail at Lavon Lake. Development of the proposed extension to the existing multi-use trail will provide an important component in the recreational use of the public lands.

This proposal will be reviewed in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and other applicable state and federal laws. The decision to proceed will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact, including cumulative impact, of the proposal on the public interest.

The Corps is soliciting comments from the public, federal, state, local agencies and officials, and other interested parties. Any comments received will be considered by the managing agencies in determining if the proposal is feasible or not, and if so, where and how to construct and operate the proposed trail.

All comments pertaining to this news release must be submitted on or before Dec. 12, 2008, the closing date of the comment period. Extensions of the comment period may be granted for valid reasons provided a written request is received by the closing date. If no comments are received by that date, the Corps will assume that there are no objections. Comments and requests for additional information may be submitted by mail to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Lavon Lake Office, 3375 Skyview Drive, Wylie, TX 75098 or by email to James.A.Murphy@usace.army.mil . For additional information contact the Lavon Lake Office at (972) 442-3141.

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