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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 13th annual National Public Lands Day on Saturday, Sept. 30, at three of its lakes in Texas. Volunteers at each lake will join more than 80,000 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 600 sites this year. Americans will join together to 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, nearly 90,000 volunteers contributed \$10 million worth of work at 550 locations in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

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.npld.com. Visit the Fort Worth District web site at www.swf.usace.army.mil.

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

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

POC: Brett Delk (830) 964-3341

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

POC: Ben Bohac (512) 859-2668

Waco Lake: Volunteers and staff will remove invasive aquatic vegetation from the Waco Wetlands, and transplant desirable species.

POC: Eric Haskell (254) 756-5359