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Corps of Engineers at Wright Patman Lake to issue permits for All Terrain Vehicle use during the 2008-09 hunting season

FORT WORTH, Texas – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Wright Patman Lake will be issuing permits for All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) usage during the 2008-2009 hunting season at Clear Springs and Big Creek wildlife management areas.

Hunters may sign up for permits beginning at 10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 6, at the Clear Springs Park Gate Attendant Office. If at 10:15 a.m., more people have signed up than there are allotted permits, a drawing will be held. Additional permits will be available for people with disabilities, but they must provide a written certification from a physician stating that they have a “**permanent ambulatory disability**”. All permittees must obtain and carry an ATV Safety Certificate while riding at the hunting area. There is a \$25 charge for each permit.

The Big Creek area is allotted 15 permits for the archery hunting season (Sept. 22 – Oct. 31) and 15 permits during the general hunting (firearms) season (Nov. 1 – Jan. 4).

The Clear Springs area is allotted 30 permits for the archery hunting season (Sept. 22 – Oct. 31) and 30 permits for the general hunting (firearms) season (Nov. 1-30 and Dec. 8 – Jan. 4).

Also, a special white-tailed deer hunting event will be held for physically challenged hunters Dec. 4-7. A special white-tailed deer hunting event will be held for youth hunters Jan. 17-18. Both hunts will be conducted at the Clear Springs ATV Area. Please contact Dearil Jackson, President, Challenged Outdoorsmen of America - Texarkana Chapter at 903-671-2437 for information concerning the hunt.

The Corps of Engineers wishes to remind everyone to ride safely and be a safe hunter, to respect your fellow hunters, other recreationalists, and adjacent property owners, and to follow Corps of Engineers rules and regulations. ATV usage and hunting on public lands is a privilege, and a responsibility for everyone.

For additional information, please visit the Wright Patman Project Office or call 903-838-8781 and ask to speak to a member of the Natural Resources staff.

About the Fort Worth District : The Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was established in 1950. The District is responsible for water resources development in two-thirds of Texas, and military design and construction in Texas and parts of Louisiana and New Mexico. Visit the Fort Worth District web site at: www.swf.usace.army.mil .