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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers seeks public comment on a draft environmental assessment for the proposed Ham Creek Park Development, Whitney Lake, Johnson County, Texas

FORT WORTH, Texas - The Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is currently accepting comments on a draft Environmental Assessment, a National Environmental Policy Act document, and a draft Finding of No Significant Impact to construct a Class A Campground at Ham Creek Park, Whitney Lake, Texas.

Ham Creek Park was constructed as part of the recreation plan when Whitney Lake was constructed in the 1950's. In the 1980's the park was officially closed and is limited to pedestrian traffic with the exception of a boat ramp that remains open only when lake levels allow use. Recently, Congress appropriated funds for the construction of a recreation facility at Ham Creek Park. The EA addresses the impacts of four construction alternatives and the no action alternative. Copies of the EA are available for review at the Cleburne Public Library, 302 W. Henderson St, Cleburne, TX 76033; Whitney Lake Office, 285 CR 3602, Clifton, TX 76634 and County Judges Office, Johnson County Annex Bldg, 1 North Main, Room 304, Cleburne, TX 76033.

Proposed actions discussed in the EA would include paved roads, recreational vehicle and primitive camping sites, picnic sites, group pavilions, an amphitheater, hiking trails, an equestrian center, and a boat ramp and parking spots. No public hearing has been scheduled but any person may make a written request prior to the close of the comment period, setting forth the particular reasons for the request.

Written comments on the Draft EA will be accepted through March 17, 2006 by sending them to Rob Newman, CESWF-PER-EE, P.O. Box 17300, Fort Worth, Texas, 76102-0300, or by e-mail at Rob.Newman@swf02.usace.army.mil. Copies of the Draft EA and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact may be requested in writing at the above address, by telephone at (817) 886-1762, or visit the Fort Worth District website at www.swf.usace.army.mil.