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## **Corps of Engineers announces comment period for 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 Corps manages 16, 354 acres of land around Lavon Lake. Approximately 9.1 miles of trail is leased to the Collin County Open Space Program for trail development and operation. The Trinity Trail Preservation Association has built and maintains the existing portion of the multi-use trails 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.

The project consists of a multi-purpose trail for hiking and horseback riding. The first phase of the trail extension will consist of the completion of the trail from the current trail head at Brockdale Park, north of Corps managed property below Highland Park. Additional phases will complete the circuit to achieve a trail circumventing the northern portions of Corps managed properties along Wilson Creek. Trail design will be dependent on physical and topographical conditions of the property. Surfacing may vary from natural soil to improved all-weather type surfaces. Bridges, culverts and low-water crossings will be constructed as necessary.

This proposal will be reviewed in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and other applicable state and federal laws. The decision whether to proceed with the trail and under what conditions will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact, including cumulative impact, of the proposal on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concerns for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits that reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors that may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including its cumulative effects. Among the factors

addressed are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shore erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps is soliciting comments from the public; federal, state, and local agencies and officials; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposal. 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 reach this office on or before Oct. 20, 2006, 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. Written comments and requests for additional information should be submitted to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Lavon Lake Office, 3375 Skyview Drive, Wylie, TX 75098. Email messages may be directed to James.A.Murphy@swf02.usace.army.mil. Telephone inquiries may be directed to (972) 442-3141.