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Lake mowing to be discussed at Public Meeting

FORT WORTH, Texas – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, has prepared a Programmatic Environmental Assessment and a draft Finding of No Significant Impact regarding the revision of the mowing, underbrushing and access path guidelines for Grapevine and Lewisville Lakes.

In order to facilitate the release of the Environmental Assessment and to inform the public on its findings, an information meeting is scheduled for Nov. 16, 2004, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Lewisville High School Auditorium located at 1098 West Main Street, Lewisville, Texas 75067. This meeting is to facilitate the release of the Environmental Assessment by providing a forum for discussion and questions to clarify the findings, format and technical information presented in the Environmental Assessment. This information meeting will not be a forum for recording public or agency comment on the Environmental Assessment.

The preferred alternative is the Narrow Shoreline Variance Alternative. This alternative would allow for mowing and underbrushing to occur for a distance of 25-feet at Grapevine Lake and 50-feet at Lewisville Lake from the Federal property line. In addition, variances would be granted to perform additional mowing between the federal property line and the conservation pool in areas too narrow to support a viable habitat zone. The areas where such variances would be granted are indicated on maps within the Environmental Assessment. The other actions considered in the Environmental Assessment include the no action alternative and variations of decreased mowing and expanded mowing.

The purpose of the Environmental Assessment is to identify and evaluate the environmental aspects of implementing the proposed action in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. Prior to the close of the comment period, any person may make a written request for a public hearing, setting forth the particular reasons for the request. The District Engineer will determine whether the issues raised are substantial and should be considered in his decision.

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Grapevine Lake Office
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The comment period for this action is extended to 45 days from the date of this Public Notice. Please address any comments to Mr. Rob Newman, CESWF-PER-EE, Post Office Box 17300, Fort Worth, Texas 76102-0300, or by e-mail at Rob.Newman@swf02.usace.army.mil. Copies of the Environmental Assessment and draft Finding Of No Significant Impact may be requested in writing at the above address or by telephone at (817) 886-1762.

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