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Corps of Engineers hosts free land managers workshop at Canyon Lake

FORT WORTH, TX -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Canyon Lake will host a free Land Managers Workshop, "Sustainable Trail Design and Management for Multiple Use," to be presented on Friday, Feb. 21, by the International Mountain Bicycling Association's Subaru/IMBA Trail Care Crew.

The workshop, to be held from 9:00 a.m. until noon at the Canyon Lake office, will cover the basics of natural surface trail design and management for hikers, bikers, trail runners and horses. Topics include designing sustainable trails, routine trail maintenance, volunteer management and user interaction. After lunch, there will be a 1 to 2 hour on-site walking trail assessment portion for those interested. Lunch is not provided but the workshop is free. All professional parks and land managers are welcome to attend.

To register, contact Travis Motal, Canyon Lake Park Ranger, at 830-964-3341, or by e-mail at Travis.J.Motal@swf02.usace.army.mil.

The workshop is part of a new Memorandum of Understanding signed in 2002 between the International Mountain Bicycling Association and the Corps of Engineers. IMBA creates, enhances and preserves trail opportunities for mountain bikers worldwide. Since 1988, IMBA has offered the best in mountain biking by encouraging low-impact riding, volunteer trail work participation, cooperation among different trail user groups and innovative trail management solutions.

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IMBA's worldwide network includes 32,000 individual members, more than 450 bicycle clubs, more than 100 corporate partners and an equal number of bicycle retailer members. IMBA's members live in all 50 states, most Canadian provinces and in 30 other countries.

For the last seven years, the Subaru/IMBA Trail Care Crews have traveled the world, sharing their trail building expertise with thousands of volunteers, land managers and trail advocates. As a direct result, there are now newer, longer and more environmentally sustainable trails in all 50 states, Canada, Mexico and several European countries.

For more info on the Trail Care Crew, contact Avery Stonich at 1-888-442-4622 or visit IMBA's website at <http://www.imba.com/tcc>.