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Corps of Engineers seeks public comment on environmental document for the Denton County Toll Bridge Project at Lewisville Lake, Texas

FORT WORTH, TX - The Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is currently accepting comments on the Tiered Environmental Assessment (TEA), a National Environmental Policy Act document, for the alternatives pertaining to the proposed construction of the Lewisville Lake Toll Bridge project by Denton County. The TEA addresses the changes to the proposed Lewisville Lake Toll Bridge project that have come to pass since the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was signed for the Lewisville Lake Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA).

The TEA preferred alternative would consist of four 12-foot wide travel lanes, an expansion of the right-of-way from 80 to 175-foot wide within the toll plaza facility, the use of an additional 0.43-acre of Corps property, the use of retaining walls with approximately 2,050 linear feet of fill resulting in the loss of an additional 14,000 cubic yards of Lewisville Lake flood storage, an additional 0.53-acre of impacts to woodland habitat, and a reduction of 0.10-acre of impacts to grassland habitat. The bridge structure would be consistent with the height, span, column configuration, and alignment as described in the original PEA. Impacts to Lewisville Lake flood storage would be mitigated through removal of appropriate amounts of fill material from the Garza-Little Elm (Lake Dallas) Dam. Impacts to existing wildlife habitat would be mitigated through 9.75 acres of woodland and 1.48 acres of grassland plantings within the Lewisville Lake Environmental Learning Area.

Written comments on the EA will be accepted through July 1, 2005 by sending them directly to Jeffrey A. Tripe, CESWF-PER-EE, P.O. Box 17300, Fort Worth, Texas, 76102-0300, or by e-mail at Jeffrey.A.Tripe@swf02.usace.army.mil. Copies of the EA and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact may be requested in writing at the above address or by telephone at (817) 886-1716.

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