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Lake O'the Pines announces ATV usage and firearms changes for 2005-06 hunting season

FORT WORTH, Texas – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Lake O'the Pines, would like to announce All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) usage and firearm changes for the approaching 2005-2006 hunting season regulations.

Hunters with disabilities will be allowed to obtain a permit for ATV usage during the hunting season at the hunting area south of the dam and west of Cypress Creek. Permits will be distributed at the project office beginning Sept. 12, 2005. There will be no charge for the permits at this time. People interested in obtaining a permit must provide a written certification from a physician stating that they have a "permanent ambulatory disability." All hunters must obtain and carry an ATV Safety Certificate while riding in the hunting area.

Rifle hunting for deer or feral hogs is permitted during the 2005-2006 hunting season in authorized hunting areas south of the dam and west of Cypress Creek and hunting areas north of Highway 155. Hunting for deer or feral hogs in all other hunting areas is restricted to shotguns with slugs, muzzle loading rifles, and legal archery equipment. Lake O'the Pines will also host a special white-tailed deer hunting event for physically challenged hunters Dec. 15-18, 2005.

The Corps of Engineers would like to remind everyone to ride safely, be a safe hunter, and to respect fellow hunters, other visitors, adjacent property owners, and the rules and regulations of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. ATV usage and hunting on public lands are privileges that must be protected through responsible behavior.

For additional information, please visit the Lake O'the Pines Project Office or call 903-665-3911 and ask to speak to a member of the Natural Resources staff.