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Corps of Engineers seeks public comment on potential leases at Old Hickory Lake

NASHVILLE, TENN., Dec. 30, 2008 – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Nashville District, is seeking public comment on environmental issues for three potential commercial sites on Old Hickory Lake. Three proposals for commercial concession leases on Old Hickory Lake have been selected for further evaluation by the Nashville District.

The three sites under consideration are Saunders Branch Cove, Station Camp Creek, and Davis Corner. Location maps and conceptual plans are posted on the Corps website at: <http://www.lrn.usace.army.mil/op/old/rec>. At this point, the Corps is evaluating whether to select any or all of these proposals, issue a lease or leases for the respective land and water areas and issue Department of Army (DA) Permit(s). These decisions will be based on provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), the Clean Water Act (CWA) and other legal and policy considerations.

As part of the evaluation process, the Corps is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA), and is seeking public comment on environmental issues for these sites. In accordance with NEPA, the Corps will prepare the EA before reaching a decision concerning the proposals. During the NEPA process, mitigation measures may be incorporated into the proposals in order to reduce project impacts. A draft EA document will evaluate potential environmental impacts to land and water and will be made available to the public and interested parties for comment.

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As part of the NEPA process, the Nashville District is soliciting written comments from the public and agencies about environmental issues to be addressed in the EA. Those interested in participating in this “scoping” process should submit comments no later than January 30, 2009, to:

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Any questions concerning this process may be directed to Mr. Ray Hedrick at (615) 736-5026.

Saunders Branch Cove is located on the right descending bank of the lake at Cumberland River Mile 255 in Sumner County, Tennessee, south of State Route 25. The proposal, submitted by Cumberland Land Holdings LLC, involves 4.47 acres of Corps-owned land, 21.13 acres of Corps-owned water area and a portion of the privately owned, proposed Lockett PUD (Planned Urban Development).

Station Camp Creek is just southeast of U.S. 31E, within the City of Gallatin, Sumner County, Tennessee near the head of Station Camp Creek embayment of the lake. The proposal, submitted by Foxland Harbor Marina, LLC, involves 6.41 acres of Corps-owned land, 40.76 acres of Corps-owned water area and 4.98 acres of privately owned property.

Davis Corner is just west of U.S. Highway 109 on Spencer Creek in Wilson County, Tennessee. The proposal, submitted by Spencer Creek Marina Partnership, GP, involves 3.35 acres of Corps-owned land, 25.53 acres of Corps-owned water area and 4.37 acres of privately owned property.

As Corps land areas and ownership around Old Hickory Lake are limited, all three selected proposals include both Government and private properties.