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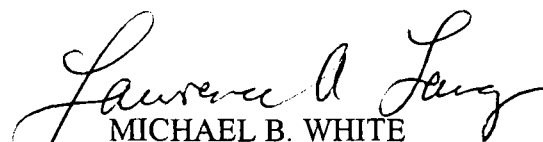
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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDERS, MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS,
CHIEFS, OPERATIONS DIVISIONS

SUBJECT: National Recreation and Park Association's 39th Annual Congress & Exposition
12 - 16 October 2004

1. The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) will be conducting its 39th Annual Congress and Exposition 12 - 16 October 2004, in Reno/Tahoe, Nevada. NRPA and the National Society for Park Resources (NSPR), one of the branches of NRPA, are the professional organizations that represent many of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers team members in the Natural Resources Community of Practice.
2. The annual NRPA Congress and Exposition affords Corps professionals the opportunity to attend a variety of excellent training sessions, including on-site institutes. It also offers an array of exhibitors displaying the latest developments and products in the park, recreation, and natural resources management fields. Many new innovations have been unveiled at NRPA Congress and Expositions in the past. Most importantly, the NRPA Congress and Exposition provides an opportunity for professionals to interact, exchange ideas, and problem solve with others in the field.
3. I strongly encourage Corps team members in the Natural Resources Management Community of Practice to become actively involved in the National Recreation and Park Association, and to attend the annual NRPA Congress and Exposition. Many Corps team members have, over the years, served in leadership roles on the NSPR Board of Directors and have benefited from the experience.
4. As the Corps is the nation's leader in providing outdoor recreation opportunities, I am extremely proud of the work we do in the park, recreation, and natural resources management fields. I encourage you to help maintain our leadership role by becoming actively involved in NRPA, NSPR, and by attending the training opportunities sponsored by these excellent professional organizations.
5. Information on NRPA, NSPR and the 2004 NRPA Congress and Exposition can be obtained by visiting www.nrpa.org.
6. Point of contact in CECW-CO is either Ms. Judy Rice, (202) 761-5541 or Mr. George Tabb, (202) 761-1228.

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