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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDERS, MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND  
DISTRICT COMMANDS, CHIEFS, CONSTRUCTIONS-OPERATIONS DIVISIONS

SUBJECT: Challenge Partnership Handshake Program – Fiscal Year 2013 Recipients

1. I am pleased to announce the recipients for the 2013 Handshake Partnership Program funding. These outstanding partnership endeavors show the commitment of our field projects to forge new relationships and open new paths in partnering. This initiative helps the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers send a significant message to others that we are serious about our partnering philosophy.
2. The enclosed list identifies this year's recipients. These examples of community engagement help confirm throughout the Corps that partnering is an invaluable tool to accomplish worthwhile projects and remains the smart way to do business. I wish these partnering efforts the greatest success.
3. We are very proud to have a pool of candidates that is diverse in both geographic area and in project ideas. This year's recipients represent ten Corps districts within six divisions. A few of the projects and ideas funded this year include:
  - Americans with Disabilities Act improvements to provide accessible fishing opportunities
  - Fisheries habitat improvements that include fish rearing ponds
  - Rehabilitation of a pond and bird habitat for improved interpretation and education
  - Construction of a group picnic shelter to be used by schools and community organizations as an outdoor classroom setting for environmental and historical education programs
  - Construction of artificial bald eagle nesting platforms
  - Expansion of equestrian trails and camping facilities
  - Various innovative trail construction ideas that will include wayside exhibits, education stations, fitness stations, recreation area connectors, and opportunities for partners to be involved in our parks.
4. These projects involve a total of 29 partners who will be investing approximately \$500,000 in these projects. In addition to the monetary benefits, these partnerships are also supporting the goals of the Administration's America's Great Outdoors initiative and the Corps Recreation Strategy. Collectively, they will improve recreational opportunities and facilities for all visitors, providing access for land and water-based recreation, connecting communities to outdoor opportunities, protecting and conserving natural resources, enhancing our environmental

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stewardship mission, increasing public awareness of the value of water resources, and engaging federal, state, and local partners in a shared vision.

5. My point of contact for this effort is Mr. Allen Gwinn, NAD Partnership Advisory Committee representative. He will be in touch with the recipients shortly to provide additional details and coordinate funds disbursement. If there are any questions, contact him at (814) 658-6810.

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**Handshake Partnership Program – 2013 Recipients**

<b>Facility</b>	<b>Handshake Project</b>	<b>Funding</b>
Caesar Creek Lake	Fitness Trail	\$20,000
Fort Peck Lake	Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention	\$30,000
J. Strom Thurmond	Bussey Point Horse Camp	\$25,000
Mark Twain	Indian Creek Trail	\$21,000
Lake Ouachita	ADA Pond & Pier	\$30,000
Lake Red Rock	Fisheries Improvement	\$35,000
Rathbun Lake	Rock'n the Trail	\$30,000
Raystown Lake	Pond rehabilitation	\$30,000
Smithville Lake	Habitat Enhancement	\$30,000
Tionesta Lake	Pavilion	\$19,000
Waco Lake	Eagle Nest Project	\$30,000