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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDERS, MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND
DISTRICT COMMANDS; CHIEFS, OPERATIONS DIVISION

SUBJECT: 2012 Excellence in Partnerships Award Selection

1. I am pleased to announce that the Our Lands and Waters Foundation (OLWF), working with the Corps in the Fort Worth District (SWF) has been selected as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recipient of the 2012 Excellence in Partnerships Award. The OLWF was chosen due to their excellent support of the water safety program; meeting management objectives; saving the Corps more than \$1,000,000 in 2011-2012; working with other partners, such as the University of North Texas, Texas A&M, Catch a Special Thrill Foundation (CAST), and Networking Warriors of America; and serving a diverse audience through the use of innovative recreational and educational programs. OLWF provided outstanding support for Corps facilities and staff within SWF and served as a leader nationwide in helping other districts to develop cooperative joint management partnerships.
2. This year's award is co-sponsored by the Corps of Engineers Natural Resources Foundation (CNREF) in recognition of exceptional contributions to the recreation and environmental stewardship programs at Corps projects. The award will be presented at the Association of Partners for Public Lands Conference in March 2013 in Portland, Oregon.
3. All of the nominees for this year's award made significant contributions to their partner projects and are deserving of special mention. They are: the Outdoor Dream Foundation (SAD), Lake Ouachita Citizen Focus Committee (MVD), Friends of Rough River Lake (LRD), Tioga County Partnership for Community Health (NAD), and Upper Rogue Watershed Association (NWD). I sincerely appreciate your efforts to nominate top quality partners for this significant award.
4. Please pass along my congratulations to the Our Lands and Waters Foundation as the 2012 awardee and to all of the other nominees for their many achievements! My point of contact for this award is Mr. Joel Miller, who can be reached at (707) 431-4554.

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