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USACE and Dawson County Formalize Partnership for Lake Lanier Operations

LAKE LANIER, Ga. – Lake Lanier's Project Manager, Tim Rainey, and Dawson County's Director of Parks and Recreation, Matt Payne, co-signed the Partner Operations Plan today at Lake Lanier.

This landmark agreement formalizes the collaboration between Dawson County and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to maintain and operate Toto Creek, Thompson Creek, and Nix Bridge parks. Under the agreement, Dawson County will undertake key responsibilities including cleaning, custodial services, park attendant duties, and collecting recreation visitor fees. USACE will continue to manage critical infrastructure and natural resources.

"The overarching goal for Lake Lanier's recreation mission is to provide quality recreational opportunities to the public. With our funding consistently flat over the years, impact to our services are inevitable," explained Rainey. "This partnership is a strategic move to boost our service levels through multiple funding sources."

"This partnership introduces an exciting revenue stream that we can directly reinvest into the parks," said Payne. "Unlike the previous system where funds would go to the U.S. Treasury, our approach allows us to utilize the generated funds for the maintenance and enhancement of the parks."

Revenue from the collected fees will offset Dawson County's operational costs and reinvest any surplus into the parks. USACE anticipates redirecting potential savings into further improving services across the region.

For more information on the partnership and its impacts on Lake Lanier, please contact their Project Management Office at (770) 945-9531.

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