

SCOPE OF WORK RECREATION FACILITIES TASK FORCE

1. **Background.** The modernization of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers managed recreation areas has been identified as a priority by the Chief of Engineers. More than 90 percent of the 456 Corps lakes and reservoirs, which provide outdoor recreation opportunities to public, were constructed 20 or more years ago. In fact, 40 percent of those same lakes and reservoirs were constructed 40 or more years ago. The age of the Corps managed recreation areas is, in many cases, of a vintage similar to that of the lake or reservoir. Many of the Corps managed areas are outdated and do not serve the needs of the using public. They require modernization to meet the needs of present users, under served populations, and to allow for flexibility to make further future modifications as equipment and population changes dictate.

The Army is proposing an initiative to modernize facilities at key recreation areas currently operated and maintained by the Corps of Engineers. This initiative will renovate and update Corps managed recreation areas to meet the needs of current user, including under-served populations, and future generations. This initiative was included in the FY 2001 budget proposal to the Office of Management and Budget. It has the support of both LTG Ballard and ASA (CW) Westphal.

To ensure Corps wide consistency, standards are needed for recreation facilities and levels of service. This task force is charged with assisting the Natural Resources Management Branch in the development of such standards.

A separate task force is developing the modernization proposal submission process.

2. **Purpose.** In order to be prepared to execute the above initiative in FY 2001 and successfully defend the funding needed to support the modernization of key recreation areas, a commonly applied set of recreation facility standards and levels of service must be developed.. The purpose of this Task Force is to assist Natural Resources Management Branch in the development of the those facility standards and service levels..

3. **Objective.** To develop a band of acceptability for recreation facilities and levels of service (between a minimum and maximum level) that can be applied to determine modernization needs of all Corps managed recreation areas. That information can then be used to develop plans and budgets for the modernization of recreation areas.

4. **Requirements.** An initial proposal is required by 28 February 2000. This Task Force will be chaired by Mike Miller, SWL, and will hold their initial organizational meeting on 25-26 Jan 00. The need for subsequent meetings will depend on the outcome of this initial meeting.

5. Products. The Task Force is charged with developing three products:
 - a. A detailed schedule for completing this task. Include monthly telephonic in-progress-reviews to CECW-ON.
 - b. A band of acceptable quantifiable recreation facility standards for both overnight and day use facilities.
 - c. A band of acceptable quantifiable levels of service for recreation areas that provide day use and overnight outdoor recreation.
6. Resources. The task force will consist of seven members which includes a representative of the Recreation Leadership Advisory Team. The first meeting will be held in Washington, DC.

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