

## Handshake Partnership Program Report - FY 2010 Recipients

**1. Name of Corps Project/Lake:** Center Hill

**2. Handshake Project Name:** Buffalo Valley Tailwaters Access/Launching Ramp

**3. What has been accomplished?** Please provide photographs; before, during, and after!:  
Constructed Access/Launching Ramp on Caney Fork River. Please refer to attached pictures.

|   | <b>Total</b>                        |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Handshake Program Funding Amount</b>   | \$10,000.00                         |
| <b>Local Corps Office Funds</b><br>(total expended on labor, materials, contracts, etc.)?     | \$3,000.00                          |
| <b>Partner's Contributions</b> (total value of funds, goods, services, volunteer hours, etc.) |                                     |
| <b>Partners Name</b>  | <b>Total Value of Contributions</b> |
| 1 Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency  | \$9,750.00                          |
| 2   | \$                                  |
| 3   | \$                                  |
| 4   | \$                                  |
| 5   | \$                                  |
| 6   | \$                                  |

#### **4. Handshake Program Recipient Feedback**

*Please take this opportunity to provide feedback on all aspects of the Handshake Program and the Challenge Partnership Agreement authority. Your productive comments are important to the ongoing improvement of the program. Make sure to let us know how the Handshake funds have benefited your efforts to initiate and/or strengthen your partnerships.*

**A. Comments About Handshake Program:** Great program. Will try to do one every two yrs.

**B. Comments About Challenge Partnership Agreement:** No problems.

**C. Recommendations:** Great program to continue.

### **Buffalo Valley Tailwaters Access/Launching Ramp**

The US Army Corps of Engineers and the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) worked together to construct a concrete Access/Launching Ramp to extend from the paved roadway into the river at the existing gravel access area within Buffalo Valley Recreation Area. This is the primary location for accessing the Caney Fork River below Center Hill Dam for a variety of recreational activities, such as fishing, canoeing, and kayaking. TWRA reports that the Caney Fork River is the most popular and economically significant trout fishery in the state of Tennessee. Several Local businesses now provide canoe and kayak rentals and use this area to unload the vessels, since it is the uppermost access area below the dam. Since this area is immediately below the dam, wave action and swift water currents from operating the generators, sluice gates, and spillway gates routinely eroded and repositioned the gravel at the access area. This resulted in ditches and eroded areas that are not suitable for vehicular access and requires frequent maintenance and significant operations and maintenance cost. The new hardened concrete surface now provides a safer, more reliable facility that will last for many years, while reducing future operations and maintenance costs.

**Before, During, and After Pictures for the Buffalo Valley Tailwaters  
Access/Launching Ramp**

