Outdoor Adventure Campground
Clarence Cannon Dam and Mark Twain Lake
2012 Handshake Partnership Program

Clarence Cannon Dam and Mark Twain Lake collaborated with the NEMO River Valley Chapter of the Show Me Missouri Back Country Horsemen, members of the Mark Twain Lake FOREST Council, to construct the Outdoor Adventure Campground. Recognizing a recreational opportunity to meet the needs of trail riding enthusiasts utilizing the 33-mile Joanna Trail, the Back Country Horsemen proposed a solution to develop four campsites, separate from the traditional use campground in Frank Russell Recreation Area, and designate them as "equine" friendly.

Campsite Construction

Grant resources received from the Handshake Partnership Program funded construction of the asphalt parking pads, hardened amenity areas, waterline, and the electric service. The Back Country Horsemen provided resources to build steel hitching rails, and labor to construct sheltered hitching area, site grading, installation of campsite amenities, and a fellowship area. A Challenged Partnership Agreement was enacted January 2012, which formalized the commitment of the Show Me Missouri Back Country Horsemen to contribute to the community.

The project commenced in March 2012 when the Back Country Horsemen began clearing activities, and simultaneously constructing hitching rails and rehabilitating camp site amenity structures. June 2012 ushered the beginning of parking pad and hardened amenity area construction by Corps of Engineers IDIQ contractors.

Back Country Horsemen Installing Grill

Work continued in September 2012 when the Back Country Horsemen installed campsite amenities (grills, picnic tables, lantern hooks) and installed the hitching rails. Construction was concluded in October 2012 when the Back Country Horsemen constructed a fire ring fellowship area and completed final site grading and turf establishment.

The contributions and efforts of our community partners made it possible for Mark Twain Lake to offer a quality recreational facility that serves multiple purposes, and will enhance our services offered to our visiting public.

Handshake Partnership Program
Report - FY 2012 Recipients

1. Name of Corps Project/Lake: Clarence Cannon Dam and Mark Twain Lake

2. Handshake Project Name: Frank Russell Equestrian Camping Facility

3. What has been accomplished? Please provide photographs; before, during, and after!: Handshake Partnership Program provided the funds to develop an equestrian "friendly" camping facility, featuring four paved trailer pads, hardened impact areas, a group activity area, 50 amp electric service, water service and associated amenities. The development supports our community commitment, advances collaborative initiatives, fulfill customer demands, and promotes quality outdoor experiences.

	Total
Handshake Program Funding Amount	$25,000.00
Local Corps Office Funds (total expended on labor, materials, contracts, etc.)?	$10,000.00
Partner's Contributions (total value of funds, goods, services, volunteer hours, etc.)	
Partners Name	**Total Value of Contributions**
1 Show Me Missouri Back Country Horsemen - NEMO River	$10,049.30
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: This program is a great opportunity for the Corps of Engineers to demonstrate their commitment to the community.

B. Comments About Challenge Partnership Agreement: This is a tremendous resource to strengthen our partnerships, and to create new opportunities. Partners feel they are engaged, and see value in our collaborative efforts.

C. Recommendations: Please continue the program. It provides the projects a mechanism to develop recreational and enviromental assets that normally could not be accomplished.

5. Handshake Summary:

Please also include a separate one-page newspaper type article describing the project and the benefit to the Corps of Engineers and to the public as a result of this partnership project. Examples can be found on the gateway under Handshake Success Stories.