

CHALLENGE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
AND  
THE NEW RIVER ALLIANCE OF CLIMBERS

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into this day of March 31, 2019, by and between the Department of the Army (hereinafter the "Government"), represented by the Chief of Operations Division, U.S. Army Engineer District, Huntington, and the New River Alliance of Climbers, (hereinafter the "Partner"), represented by Mr. Matthew Carpenter. (hereinafter the "Partner")

WITNESSETH, THAT:

WHEREAS, the Government manages lands and waters at Summersville Lake which includes recreational opportunities for the public, and

WHEREAS, the permanent repair of the trail and lake shoreline at the Orange Oswald (Rock Climbing) Wall on Summersville Lake will increase the recreational opportunities for the public, and

WHEREAS the Partner is interested in promoting and assisting the Government in providing this trail and access improvement, and

WHEREAS, it is mutually beneficial to the Government and the Partner to work cooperatively to make this trail access improvement available to the public, and

WHEREAS, the Partner, in order to assist the Government in this project has voluntarily agreed to pay a portion of the cost, and

WHEREAS, Section 225 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1992, PL 102-580, (Oct 31, 1992), authorizes the Secretary of the Army to accept contributions from the Partner and apply those contributions to the Project, and

WHEREAS, the Government and the Partner have the full authority and capability to perform as hereinafter set forth and intend to cooperate in financing and challenge cost-sharing in accordance with the terms of this agreement;

NOW THEREFORE, the Government and the Partner agree as follows:

ARTICLE I - DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

For purposes of this agreement:

a. The term "Project" shall mean purchase materials and obtaining equipment to place up to 480 tons of rip rap stone in gabion baskets to repair 120 feet of eroded shoreline, improve trail access by replacing the existing ladder with a galvanized stair-case and improve trail drainage at the Orange Oswald Climbing Area on Summersville Lake.

b. The term "total project costs" shall mean all costs incurred by the Government and the Partner directly related to construction of the Project.

c. This agreement in no way restricts the Government from participating in similar activities or arrangements with, or accepting contributions from, other public and private agencies, organizations, and individuals.

d. All donated property, facilities and improvements placed on Government land as well as any work accomplished under this agreement shall become the property of the Government.

## ARTICLE II - OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES

a. The Government, subject to and using funds appropriated by the Congress of the United States (hereinafter "Congress"), and using funds and services provided by the Partner, shall expeditiously complete the Project, applying those procedures usually applied to Federal projects, pursuant to Federal laws, regulations, and policies. The award of contracts, modifications or change orders, and performance of all work on the Project (whether the work is performed under contract, by Volunteers, or by Government personnel) shall be exclusively within the control of the Government.

b. The Government shall provide equipment, materials and supplies, and labor along with oversight of the Project as described in Appendix A-1.

c. The Partner shall provide equipment, materials and supplies, and in-kind labor to assist in accomplishing the Project as described in Appendix A-2.

d. The Government will perform a final accounting to determine the contributions provided by all parties to this agreement and to determine whether each has met its obligations under paragraphs b and c of this Article.

e. No Federal funds may be used to meet the Partner's total project costs under this Agreement.

f. The Partner shall not use Government-supplied materials and equipment, or allow their use, for other than authorized Project purposes.

## ARTICLE III - METHOD OF PAYMENT

a. The Government shall maintain records of supplies and materials provided by the Partner, and a current projection of total project costs. The Government will provide the Partner with a report stating the monetary value of the Partner's in-kind services provided to date for the total project costs as required in accordance with Article II.d of this Agreement. On the effective

date of this Agreement, total project costs are estimated to be \$56,700.00, shown in Appendix B, and the Partner's contributions required under Article II c. of this Agreement is projected to be 34.6%, \$19,600, of the total project cost. Such amounts are estimates subject to adjustment and are not to be construed as the total financial responsibilities of the Government and the Partner.

b. The Partner shall provide the contribution required under Article II.c. of this Agreement

c. Upon completion of the Project and resolution of all relevant claims and appeals, the Government shall conduct a final accounting and furnish the Partner with the results of the final accounting. The final accounting shall establish total project costs, each party's contribution provided thereto, and each party's required share thereof.

1. In the event the final accounting shows that the total contribution provided by the Partner is less than its required share of total project costs, the Partner shall, no later than 90 calendar days after receipt of written notice, make a payment to the Government of whatever sum is required to meet the Partner's required share of total project costs.

2. In the event the final accounting shows that the total contribution provided by the Partner exceeds its required share of total project costs, the Government shall, subject to the availability of funds, refund the excess to the Partner no later than 90 calendar days after the final accounting is complete. In the event existing funds are not available to refund the excess to the Partner, the Government shall seek such appropriations as are necessary to make the refund.

#### ARTICLE IV - DISPUTE RESOLUTION

As a condition precedent to a party bringing any suit for breach of this Agreement, that party must first notify the other party in writing of the nature of the purported breach and seek in good faith to resolve the dispute through negotiation. If the parties cannot resolve the dispute through negotiation, they may agree to a mutually acceptable method of non-binding alternative dispute resolution with a qualified third party acceptable to both parties. The parties shall each pay 50 percent of any costs for the services provided by such a third party as such costs are incurred. The existence of a dispute shall not excuse the parties from performance pursuant to this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE V - FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS

In exercise of their respective rights and obligations under this Agreement, the Government and the Partner agree to comply with all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations, including, but not limited to, Section 601 of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, PL 88-352, and the Department of Defense Directive 5500.11 issued pursuant thereto and published in Part 300 of Title 32, Code of Federal Regulations, as well as Army Regulations 600.7, entitled "Non-discrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Programs and Activities Assisted or Conducted by the Department of the Army."

## ARTICLE VI - RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES

a. In the exercise of their respective rights and obligations under this Agreement, the Government and the Partner each act in an independent capacity, and neither is to be considered the officer, agent, or employee of the other.

b. In the exercise of its rights and obligations under this Agreement, neither party shall provide, without the consent of the other party, any contractor with a release that waives or purports to waive any rights such other party may have to seek relief or redress against such contractor either pursuant to any cause of action that such other party may have or for violation of any law.

## ARTICLE VII - OFFICIALS NOT TO BENEFIT

No member of or delegate to the Congress, or resident commissioner, shall be admitted to any share or part of this Agreement, or to any benefit that may arise therefrom.

## ARTICLE VIII - INDEMNIFICATION

The Partner shall hold and save the Government free from all damages arising from services it performs or provides for the construction, operation, maintenance, repair, replacement, and rehabilitation of the Project, except for damages due to the fault or negligence of the Government or its contractors.

## ARTICLE IX - TERMINATION OR SUSPENSION

a. If at any time the Partner fails to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement, the District Commander shall terminate this Agreement or suspend future performance under this Agreement unless he/she determines that continuation of work on the Project is in the interest of the United States or is necessary in order to satisfy agreements with any other non-Federal interests in connection with the Project.

b. If the Government fails to receive annual appropriations in amounts sufficient to meet Project expenditures for the then-current or upcoming fiscal year, the Government shall so notify the Partner, and 60 calendar days thereafter either party may elect without penalty to terminate this Agreement or to suspend future performance under this Agreement. In the event that either party elects to suspend future performance under this Agreement pursuant to this paragraph, such suspension shall remain in effect until such time as the Government receives sufficient appropriations or until either the Government or the Partner elects to terminate this Agreement.

c. In the event that either party elects to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this Article, both parties shall conclude their activities relating to the Project and proceed to a final accounting in accordance with Article II of this Agreement.

d. Any termination of this Agreement or suspension of future performance under this

Agreement in accordance with this Article shall not relieve the parties of liability for any obligation previously incurred. Any delinquent payment shall be charged interest at a rate, to be determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, equal to 150 per centum of the average bond equivalent rate of the 13-week Treasury bills auctioned immediately prior to the date on which such payment became delinquent, or auctioned immediately prior to the beginning of each additional 3-month period if the period of delinquency exceeds 3 months.

#### ARTICLE X - NOTICES

a. Any notice, request, demand, or other communication required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be deemed to have been duly given if in writing and delivered personally or by telegram, or mailed either by first-class, registered, or certified mail, as follows:

If to the Partner:       Matthew Carpenter, Vice President  
New River Alliance of Climbers  
142 High Street  
Fayetteville, WV 25840

If to the Government: Toby Wood, Lake Manager  
Summersville Lake  
2981 Summersville Lake Road  
Summersville, WV 26651

b. A party may change the address to which such communications are to be directed by giving written notice to the other party in the manner provided in this Article.

c. Any notice, request, demand, or other communication made pursuant to this Article shall be deemed to have been received by the addressee at the earlier of such time as it is actually received or seven calendar days after it is mailed.

#### ARTICLE XI - CONFIDENTIALITY

To the extent permitted by the laws governing each party, the parties agree to maintain the confidentiality of exchanged information when requested to do so by the providing party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement, which shall become effective upon the date it is signed by the Chief of Operations Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

NEW RIVER ALLIANCE OF CLIMBERS

BY:

  
Kelly C. Finch  
Chief, Operations Division

BY:

  
Matthew Carpenter  
NRAC Secretary

DATE:

4/24/2019

DATE:

3/31/2019

### Appendix A-1

1. The Government will provide technical oversight, coordination, equipment, materials and supplies, and manpower for the repair of 120 feet of eroded shoreline in the Orange Oswald area of Summersville Lake. The Government will also provide equipment, materials and supplies and manpower for installation of the galvanized staircase for trail access to the Orange Oswald area. Referenced improvements should account for approximately 30.2% of the project costs.
2. The Government will provide Handshake Partnership Program funding (\$20K), comprising 35.3% of the total project costs, for use in purchasing supplies and materials for the Project.

## Appendix A-2

1. New River Alliance of Climbers (NRAC) shall provide fabricating and installation of the galvanized staircase to replace the existing wooden ladder on the trail leading into the climbing area. NRAC shall provide In-kind Labor and Volunteer Labor to support the preparation of the foundation, installation of the gabion baskets, loading and unloading of the rip-rap stone and miscellaneous support for repair of the 120' of eroded shoreline at the Orange Oswald Climbing Area. NRAC contributions shall represent approximately 34.6% of the total cost associated with the Project.



## Appendix B

### Challenge Partnership Financial Work Sheet

Corps Project Name: Summersville Lake  
 Work Project Title: Orange Oswald Climber Access Trail  
 POC Name: Toby Wood, Lake Manager  
 Address: 2981 Summersville Lake Road      City: Summersville      State: WV      Zip Code: 26651  
 Telephone: 304 - 872 - 3412  
 Location on Project: East of U.S. Route 19 (Hughes Bridge), on North shore of the lake.

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Partner Organization 1: New River Alliance of Climbers (NRAC)  
 POC Name: Matthew Carpenter  
 Address: 142 High Street      City: Fayetteville      State: WV      Zip Code: 25840  
 Telephone: 304 -673-1470

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Proposed start date of work: October/November 2019

Simple description of work to be accomplished through the partnership: Orange Oswald Climber Access Trail Improvements

Double click on spreadsheet to access data entry fields:

Salaries	\$9,600	N/A	\$9,600	\$0	\$0	\$19,200
Travel	\$0	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Materials and Supplies	\$5,000	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$35,000
Equipment Use	\$2,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,500
Funds Contributed	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personal Property	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Volunteer	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
In-Kind Services	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (explain below)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17,100</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>\$19,600</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$56,700</b>
<b>Share of Total Cost</b>	30.2%	35.3%	34.6%	0.0%	0.0%	100%

Explanations: