

**Volunteer Excellence Coin Nomination
Mike & Bonnie Johnson**



Mike and Bonnie Johnson have volunteered as gate attendant fee collectors at the Nimrod Lake for two and a half years and contributed 17,809 hours of service during that time. Their volunteer services at River Road Park has allowed us to eliminated one contract for park attendant services saving the government thousands of dollars and allowing us to keep this park open since it was not performing well in the park assessment reviews. Their upbeat and jolly personalities have been a great benefit to the park and its visitors. Visitors may come into the park with a frown on their face or down in the dumps, but after talking to Mike and Bonnie for a while, they leave with a big smile, laughing, and in good spirits. Mike and Bonnie put in many more hours per week than is required of them and run the gate house and keep it open just like our paid contractors. Not only do they run the gate house and collect camping fees, but they also keep the trash picked up in the campground and at the dam site area. Since Mike and Bonnie have been running the gate house, our visitation and fee collections have increased steadily (\$3,000 to 4,000) each season much of this is attributed to the visitor's enjoyment of Mike and Bonnie and their great customer service attitude.