

Richard B. Russell Lake and the Outdoor Dream Foundation Hunting Blinds Project, MOU and Challenge Partnership, 2011

Lake: [Richard B. Russell](#)

Partners: [Outdoor Dream Foundation](#)

Partnership Type: MOU/Challenge Partnership

Corps POC: Erin Parnell

On August 10th, 2011 The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District, entered into a district wide Memorandum of Understanding with the Outdoor Dream Foundation, a non-profit organization that makes hunting and fishing dreams come true for children who are terminally ill. The MOU signing took place at Richard B. Russell Lake and was signed by Outdoor Dream founder Coach Harold Jones, known for his role played by Ed Harris in the movie "Radio", and Colonel Hall, commander of the Savannah District. The district MOU has allowed Hartwell, Russell, and Thurmond lakes to participate in mutually beneficial activities that involve natural resources. So far, the MOU has allowed Richard B. Russell Lake to build on the existing partnership between Outdoor Dream and the Corps of Engineers even further. A Challenge Partnership was instituted on September 29, 2011 to build five wooden blinds for hunting and wildlife observation.

The Challenge Partnership Agreement authorizes the Corps to accept contributions from a willing partnering organization to apply to a specific, mutually-beneficial project. Under the agreement, the Corps provided excess building materials to Outdoor Dream for the construction of five semi-permanent blinds to be placed on Russell Project lands; in return, Outdoor Dream volunteers assembled and transported the blinds. Another local organization, [Faith Hunters for Youth](#) of Calhoun Falls, S.C., contributed paint for the blinds.

The blinds are wheel chair accessible and allow hunters to hunt from a covered blind that protects them from the elements while also providing them

with an ideal hunting atmosphere. Last year, the Richard B. Russell Project had the opportunity to invite [South Eastern Paralyzed Veterans of America](#), Faith Hunters for Youth, and the Outdoor Dream Foundation to partake in special hunting opportunities at our lake. The Richard B. Russell Project plans to utilize the blinds for turkey hunting this upcoming season.



MOU signing with Colonel Hall and Harold Jones



Outdoor Dream volunteer Donald Hudson and Corps ranger Julian George talk about proper blind locations



PVA's Kurt Glass of the South Eastern chapter uses one of the new blinds.

For more information on the project contact the lake office at 706-213-3400.