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New Dock Permit Moratorium Continues on Lake Lanier

The Corps of Engineers announced a moratorium on new boat dock permits last April, in order to process existing applications to determine where the project stands in relation to the maximum capacity identified in the 2004 Shoreline Management Plan. The moratorium was extended through October when shoreline management park rangers were temporarily reassigned to public safety duties following 10 fatalities on the lake.

The water level at Lake Lanier continues to decline as record high temperatures and drought conditions persists throughout the southeast. This morning the lake level was at 1062.29 feet above mean sea level (msl). The recent rain may bring temporary relief to the soaring temperatures; however, it will have little impact on the lake levels as the sun parched land absorbs much of the rain before it makes it to the lake.

The Corps of Engineers normally enters a moratorium on issuing new permits when water levels drop below 1063. "If the drought continues the moratorium, which began in April, will continue until the lake level rises above 1064", said Chief Ranger Chris Lovelady. "Low water level moratoriums have been implemented several times in the past under similar drought and low lake level conditions. All individual and community dock permit applications that were in review before the moratorium will continue to be processed. We regret any

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inconvenience this may cause, but it is important to be able to properly address requests with adequate water to make informed decisions.”

As stewards of Lake Lanier and the public lands surrounding it, the Corps of Engineers’ goal is to protect and provide a healthy future for this valuable resource.

For additional information concerning the lake, call (770)945-9531. For daily lake level information call 770-945-1467. To view the 30-day lake level forecasts and historical lake level information, go to <http://water.sam.usace.army.mil>