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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Policy for Primitive Camping Utilization on Wappapello Lake Project

1. References.
 - a. Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 327, May 2000.
2. Purpose. The purpose of this memorandum is to establish the policy for primitive camping activities on US Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District, Wappapello Lake Project.
3. Project Policy.

Designated Primitive Camping Area

 - a. Primitive Camping Zone (Year-Round Use)
 1. All Federal Public Lands between Hwy 34 and Hwy 67.
 - A. All Federal Public Lands on west side of St. Francis River north of where FF Hwy and Hwy 67 intersect.
 - B. All Federal Public Lands on east side of St. Francis River north of North Greenville Access (PA's 34 & 35).
 - C. Downstream of Hwy 67 Bridge
 - D. Primitive camping allowed at most hunter-fisherman accesses approved by the Traditional Access Plan, unless otherwise posted.
 - E. Island camping (southern end of lake) – 6 Designated Sites, which must be reserved.
 - F. Sulphur Springs, Lost Creek, Blue Springs, Possum Creek, and Snow Creek.

Walk-In/Float-In Camping

 - a. Allowed on all Federal Public Lands.
 1. East Side – North of North Greenville Access (PA's 34 & 35).
 2. West Side – Above Intersection of Hwy FF and Hwy 67.
 - b. All vehicles must be parked in a designated parking area.
 - c. Pack-it-in/Pack-it-out.
 - d. Use camp stoves or grills rather than campfires except on gravel bars, in designated fire rings, or devices designed to prevent the spread of the fire.
 - e. Campers will adhere to Primitive Camping Regulations listed below.

Lake Island Camping

a. Islands (southern end of lake)

1. Campsites must be reserved by visiting the Redman Creek Campground Fee Booth (during normal hours of operation), by calling 1-877-444-6777, or by visiting www.recreation.gov and searching for Redman Creek. Sites are listed as I01 – I06. (Note: First letter is “I” and not the number “1”.)
2. Sites will be designated by a sign/post, lantern hanger, picnic table and fire ring/grill.

Primitive Camping Regulations

a. The following camping regulations authorized under Title 36, CFR, Section 327.12a will apply to all primitive camping activities at Wappapello Lake Project.

1. Primitive Camp Sites are free of charge with the exception of the Island Sites and Snow Creek Campground.
2. The camping limit is 14 days during any 30-consecutive day timeframe. Camping is permitted year-round. However, these areas are prone to closures due to seasonally floods and elevated lake levels.
3. Campfires will be contained in grills or fire rings. Fires may be constructed on gravel bars, however users must extinguish fires and remove debris before leaving their campsite. When the fire hazard is high, campfires will not be allowed. Park Rangers will advise campers as they conduct routine patrols of the areas. If conditions are questionable, campers may call the on-duty Park Ranger at (573) 778-5404 or the Wappapello Lake Management Office at (573) 222-8562 to verify fire hazard.
4. Hunting or discharge of firearms is prohibited within 500 feet of any developed area, including, but not limited to, roads, trails, campsites, and parking areas.
5. In areas where trash containers are not provided, all trash must be carried out and disposed of in an approved method or location.
6. Where sanitary facilities are not provided, human waste must be buried at least 100 feet from campsites and/or any body of water.
7. Camping is only permitted within 100 feet of all access parking lots below PA 34 that have been designated for camping.
 - i. Areas allowing camping can be verified by checking current lake map and/or verifying carsonite post displays a tent that indicates camping is allowed. NOTE: A sticker of a tent with a red circle/slash indicates that the access does not allow camping.
8. All motorized vehicles must remain on designated roadways and parking areas.

9. To avoid tree damage, hanging lanterns are to be suspended a minimum of 8-inches from the side of the tree and 24-inches from overhead limbs. Do not drive axes, nails, spikes or any type of objects into trees.

10. Tree stand policy can be found at:

www.mvs.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Wappapello-Lake/ under the “Policy” link.

11. All other applicable regulations included in Title 36, “Rules and Regulations Governing Public Use of Corps of Engineers Water Resources Development Projects” also remain in effect.

Camping Registration

a. A responsible adult must register to camp. Patrolling Park Rangers will stop at established camps and register primitive campers during routine patrols. Registration may also be completed by calling the following locations during normal operating hours: Wappapello Lake Management Office (573-222-8562), the Peoples Creek Campground Fee Booth (573-222-8234), the Redman Creek Campground Fee Booth (573-222-8233), the Greenville Campground Fee Booth (573-224-3884), the Bill Emerson Memorial Visitor Center (573-222-8773), or the on-duty Park Ranger (573-778-5404).

b. Campers refusing to comply with registration procedures must remove their equipment and they may be issued a citation.

4. Emergencies. In the event of an emergency, please dial 911 for the respective county to dispatch emergency services. Wayne County Sheriff’s Office may be reached at (573) 224-3219.

5. For more information, please contact the Wappapello Lake Management Office (573-222-8562) or the on-duty Park Ranger (573-778-5404).

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