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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Will Honor America the Beautiful — the National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands Passes

WASHINGTON, D.C – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will honor three of the four America The Beautiful – the National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands passes to give a 50 percent reduction in day use and camping fees to pass holders at its recreation areas beginning in January 2007.

The Corps will accept the Senior Pass for citizens and permanent residents age 62 and over, the Access Pass for citizens or permanent residents with an established permanent medical disability and the Volunteer Pass. The fourth pass covers entrance fees at national parks and forests. The Corps does not charge entrance fees.

The new passes are available as a result of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act of 2004. The legislation established the new discount pass program to replace the Golden Passport Program for all agencies. The Corps will continue to accept Golden Access and Golden Age Passports according to the provisions of the pass. In addition, paper Golden Age and Golden Access Passports may be exchanged free of charge for new plastic passes.

The new passes may be obtained in person at USDA Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Reclamation, Bureau of Land Management and Fish and Wildlife Service facilities. The Corps will not issue the passes.

Additional information about the recreation pass program is available at http://www.recreation.gov/recpass.jsp

The Corps encourages all Americans to enjoy the nation's public lands and waters. The Corps is the largest federal provider of outdoor recreation opportunities, operating more than 2,500

recreation areas at 456 projects (mostly lakes) and leasing an additional 1,800 sites to state or local park and recreation authorities or private interests.

The Corps hosts about 375 million visits each year at its lakes, beaches and other areas, and estimates that 25 million Americans (one in ten) visit a Corps project at least once a year to recreate. Additional information about the Corps' recreation program is available at http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/visitors/visitors.cfm

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