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COLETO CREEK PARK AND RESERVOIR OPEN TO PUBLIC; FACILITIES ESCAPE FLOODING

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SEGUIN- Camping, boating and other recreation facilities at the GBRA Coletto Creek Park and Recreation Area near Fannin remain open for public use, despite last week's disastrous flooding along the Guadalupe River. "We want everyone to know that our facilities were not affected," said GBRA chief ranger Wilfred Korth.

Korth said that many people, including winter Texans just arriving in the state, may be looking for a place to camp or park their RV since most of the parks and other public recreation areas along the river were flooded. "We will be happy to work with people to accommodate their needs and answer any questions they have about our facility."

Coletto Creek is located between Victoria and Goliad on U.S. Highway 59. Approximately 115,000 visitors a year visit this 3,100 acre freshwater reservoir nestled among oak trees and gently rolling terrain.

Korth is proud of the park's "first rate" camping facilities which include 58 multi-use campsites with hookups for water and electricity, camping cabins, barbeque pits and picnic tables, restrooms with hot showers, and washer and dryer facilities. Visitors can also use the park's 4-lane boat ramp, safety-buoyed swimming area, picnic sites, nature trail, group pavilion, children's' playground and sand volleyball court.

The reservoir, which is operated by GBRA to provide cooling water for the Central Power and Light Company's electric generating plant, ranges in depth from 11 to 45 feet. Anglers catch a wide variety of native species including largemouth bass, crappie, and catfish. In addition, the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department regularly stocks Florida and hybrid striped bass. A 200 foot lighted fishing pier with an adjacent artificial fish reef provides convenient access to the lake.

For more information or to make camping reservations up to 90 days in advance, contact Coletto Creek Reservoir and Park, P. O. Box 68, Fannin, Texas, 77960, call (512) 575-6366, or visit the Park on GBRA's website at www.icsi.net/~ccp.