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GBRA Lakes Open to Public February 17

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SEGUIN---- GBRA lakes Dunlap, McQueeney, Meadow, H-4 (Lake Gonzales), and H-5 (Lake Wood) will open to the public Thursday, February 17. Lake Placid will remain closed while repairs are made to the TP-4 dam.

The lakes were closed after the flood of 2004 to allow time to lower the lakes for inspection, and debris removal and marking of certain areas. Warning and precautionary buoys and signs have been placed along the waterways by GBRA and the local lake groups and homeowner associations. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Texas Water Safety Act, Chapter 31, Subchapter A, Section 31.100, makes it unlawful for any person to move, remove, displace, tamper with, damage or destroy buoys, beacons, light markers, stakes, flags or other aids to safe operation.

Section 31.102 regarding boat operation in restricted areas reads, "No person may operate a boat within a water area that has been clearly marked, by buoys or some other distinguishing device, as a bathing, fishing, swimming, or otherwise restricted area by the department or by a political subdivision of the state."

KNOW YOUR LAKE signs have been posted near boat ramps and marinas and on the GBRA website. The KNOW YOUR LAKE campaign stresses the need to know your area lake and its characteristics and restrictions. Recent flooding may have changed or added lake obstructions. Proceed with caution and observe the following:

- ? All boating and water sports at your own risk. Refamiliarize yourself with the lake.
- ? Lakes may contain exposed or submerged flood debris.
- ? Channels and locations of previous obstructions may have changed.
- ? Be aware of glass, metal, wire or other objects.
- ? Remove or report any liquid-filled containers.

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Until you have re-familiarized yourself with the post-flood lake, GBRA strongly recommends the following:

- ? No Jet Skis.
- ? No skiing or pulling of water toys.
- ? Daylight use only.