

From:

FOIA Exemption

To:

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Subject:

Lake Texoma parking area requirements

Date:

Monday, April 04, 2011 10:14:41 AM

Good morning,

I am inquiring about the new requirements imposed on homeowner's associations relating to delineated parking areas on corps property. We have been getting lots of information regarding what the Corps of Engineers is requiring but unfortunately, much of it is conflicting. Can you direct me to the regulation covering this issue? I am on the homeowner's board at FOIA Exemption 6 and we are just embarking on our project and want to make sure we have the facts correct. The last thing we want is to spend money and then find out we have done it incorrectly and must tear it out. Also, is there a date when this must be completed?

Best regards,

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From: FOIA Exemption
To: FOIA Exemption 6
Subject: lake rules
Date: Saturday, April 02, 2011 9:53:30 AM

FOI : I previously emailed you requesting that you either post or make available the previous comments from the first request for comments. To date the only reply I received was something about the corps determining how and if that would be done. I continue to want this information, under the freedom of information act of the United States and assure you that I will pursue all means necessary to get the information that we are entitled to under the law.

PLEASE REPLY AS I DO NOT WANT TO GO OVER YOUR HEAD AGAIN TO GET A RESPONSE.

THANK YOU

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From: FOIA Exemption 6
To:
Subject: Off road vehicle use
Date: Thursday, March 24, 2011 2:39:38 PM

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I own a home at lake Texoma [FOIA] and I am not really sure what the regulations are for off road vehicles or golf carts. There are numerous people who own them in the area and use them for transportation around the neighborhood from one house to another, to the boat docks and such. I am in favor of the use of such vehicles for those purposes and think it is a smart choice over everyone driving automobiles around the neighborhood. We also own a private boat dock that is on Corps property and would be very much in favor of being able to drive a golf cart or off road vehicle to the dock to transport fishing and boating equipment to the dock and leave the vehicle parked adjacent to our boat dock walkway while we are out on the lake. Any information you could provide would be greatly appreciated and would be in favor of regulations allowing the continued use of these types of vehicles.

Thank You

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From: FOIA Exemption
To: 6
Subject: Preston Shores / Lake Texoma
Date: Thursday, March 24, 2011 9:14:09 AM

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We want to thank you first for having the meeting in January so our concerns could be heard. We have lived here 25 plus years and have raised two wonderful boys that are now grown up. Many wonderful memories we have going to the beach. We still enjoy going to the beach to get out and see wonderful neighbors and friends and we hope to be able to continue to utilize the beach that we all chip in and care for. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call anytime. My name is
FOIA Exemption 6 Thank
you for your time and consideration!

From: FOIA Exemption 6
To:
Subject: Enos Meeting
Date: Tuesday, March 15, 2011 8:11:15 PM

FOIA Exemption 6 I have been watching the Corps of Engineers home page and have seen no update of what was discussed at the open meeting at the Enos community center (Jan. 8, 2011 concerning the on-road/off-road use of golf carts and utility vehicles and lake access to the beach areas. Would you please let me know if there are any updates and any changes that are going to be made.
Thank You for your time.

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NEW EMAIL ADDRESS FOR THE [FOI] FAMILY
Friday, March 04, 2011 11:03:06 AM

The [FOIA Exemption 6] has a new email address effective today.

Our new email address is
[FOIA Exemption 6]

We hope you will update your contacts to include this change.

Thanks,
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From:
To:
Subject:
Date:

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Re: Suggestions for Policy
Tuesday, March 01, 2011 3:51:27 PM

Dear FOIA Exemption 6: My husband and I submitted suggestions for policies on Corps land, especially concerning Lake Texoma where we own property. What is the status regarding drafting of these policies and when will copies be available to view? What is the implementation target date? Our suggestions were submitted well before the Feb. 15 deadline and we are anxious to view Corps policies. Thank you for your assistance.

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From: FOIA Exemption 6
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Corps welcomes input on draft policy
Date: Sunday, February 27, 2011 8:39:30 AM

Sir,

I apologize for not meeting your 15 Feb 2011 deadline to provide comments regarding this topic and therefore I am not going to offer any comment since it is post-deadline, but I do request information on the statements "Off-road vehicle use is tearing up the shoreline and destroying public lands."

Can you provide supporting data to delineate the damage assigned to "off-road" vehicles versus vehicles that are authorized to travel on public roads but are not designed to operate in beach areas (e.g., pickup trucks (and cars) that become stuck on the beach).

In addition, can you provide the release date or location where I may find the new policy?

Thank you very much in advance for your response.

FOIA

From: FOIA
To: Exemption 6
Subject: corps land at washita point
Date: Tuesday, February 15, 2011 1:02:49 PM

My wife and i go down to our beach ever so often. Lately we have not been going down there because the beach has cow pie all over it, and stinks. The beach is there for people to enjoy. They can't any more with all the restricksion. I have a street legal electric cart, but a lot of the people out here already had golf carts and mules that are not street legal. They can't aford to replace these. There should be some type of permit that would allow them to go down to the beach and park in aloted places. This would keep the kids and hotroders off the corps land and keep it from getting tore-up. When we first moved here. the beach was a very nice place to go to relax and enjoy the lake, now it is not.

Resident FOIA Exemption 6

From: FOIA
To: Exemption 6
Subject: corps policy for on and off road vehicles
Date: Tuesday, February 15, 2011 11:44:24 AM

Dear sir, I feel your policies are very good considering protection of corps property. I would suggest that you enforce the rules on an individual basis, with respect to the reason and actions of each individual. A lot of folks live near the corps land and can hear the noise when abuse is going on and can report this to the corps . The corps policy of leasing the land for cattle should be considered since the cow trails and constant over pasturing around the lake has had a detrimental effect on the wild life and erosion of the soil , and the cow patties in the beach areas are sometimes a problem also.

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: on & off road vehicles
Date: Monday, February 14, 2011 10:00:38 PM

I attended the meeting Jan 8th. After an hour of the presentation, I saw and heard little that actually pertained to the McLaughlin Creek area. Destruction of the shoreline and public lands is mostly done by nature. we have lost 20-30 feet of shoreline stretching from McLaughlin Creek eastward to Washita point due to natural erosion from the waves. I have witnessed three floods in our area in the past 11 years that has killed dozens of trees. cutting and clearing fallen trees is an ongoing job to keep roads and the lake accessible.

We have a neighborhood association that collects money from memberships and fees from our boat ramp that pays for trash cleanup, tree and limb removal, mowing, etc. We have a paved access road to the boat ramp and several off-road access points from that road to get to the waters edge. Those off-road access roads are used by local fisherman, campers, and visitors and maintained by our assoc. banning any type of vehicle is counter productive and will hurt our mini-economy we have here. The problems we have here have not been addressed and has nothing to do with any type of vehicles driven.

Problems with illegal dumping has not dealt with. Dumping blocked a tin horn and washed out a bridge one year. I have went thru several dump sites collecting names as evidence. At least three of those sites where personal information was obtained, nothing was done by the Corps or by the Marshall County Sherriff's Dept.

The existing laws need to be enforced, like underage drivers, drinking and driving, destruction of gov property, speeding, etc. Don't ban golf carts and ATV's then come down here and write tickets while ignoring the trash dumping, hunting, pets off leash, illegal fireworks, and other unlawful activities. That's my two cents and thanks for taking this into consideration. Please send me a copy of any new policy or policy change so I can keep our members informed.

McLaughlin Creek Area Maintenance Assoc.

[REDACTED]
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From: FOIA Exemption 6
To:
Subject: FOIA
Date: Monday, February 14, 2011 4:40:02 PM

We love living on the lake [FOIA] ..we were wk enders for 20yrs before retiring there.....we truly do enjoy our golf cart rides in the evenings....so nice to sit by the beautiful waterside of Lake Texoma...and/or drive my 90 yrs old dad around the Area....he loves that...I hope we can solve the issues with all the rec vehicles...we need to stop the underage driving I know....its very dangerous at times around our house and corner....I do wish we could once in a while drive our trail wagon on the beach for a bit....but sure hate the see the 4wheelers just tearing it up! with no regard of anything or anyone...thanks for consider our options and listening to us local that live there all the time.... [FOIA]

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From: FOIA Exemption
To: 6
Subject: On- and Off-Road Vehicle Use :: Comments and Suggestions
Date: Monday, February 14, 2011 4:39:52 PM

ATTENTION: FOIA Exemption 6

As requested, and to assist the Corp with the implementation of a clear policy regarding the use of on-road and off-road vehicle use on Corp property at Lake Texoma, a policy that can be consistently administered, we offer the following comments and suggestions.

GENERAL

Thank you for conducting the Listening Session in Enos last month. While some of the commentary went off topic, there were a few good points and suggestions made during the meeting. Thank you for considering them, and the rest of the public's input, in the policy making process. We hope that the end result is a policy that is fair to local residents that have a vested interest in the outcome.

COMMENTS

- The public have been driving vehicles on Corp property for many years. My father-in-law had one of the first 3-wheelers in the area, 25 years ago. He would load his fishing gear on it and drive to the shoreline and fish Lake Texoma every morning.
- Our family has been enjoying driving our golf cart to the lake on a daily basis, for well over 10 years.
- An increase in vehicles in the area is a direct result of an increase in population in the area. The public found that golf carts, ATVs and UTVs are a convenient and fun way to bring the family to the shoreline to enjoy Lake Texoma, especially if you own property that is near, or adjoins Corp property.
- In June and July of 2007, the record floods caused a great deal of irreparable shoreline damage. Many of the lakes, including Lake Texoma, reached record levels. The shorelines were submerged for weeks, killing vegetation and trees that had been in place for years.
- The flooding resulted in many miles of shoreline becoming accessible because the existing vegetation and trees had died and washed away, leaving only a sand base.
- It was only after the flooding that the public started venturing into these areas with their off-road vehicles. Families drive their four-wheelers along the area above the shoreline and have the pleasure of seeing nesting bald eagles up close, and viewing Lake Texoma from a different perspective than from the end of a gravel road in a boat launch area.
- We really don't think that off-road vehicle use is tearing up the shoreline and destroying public lands. The destruction, we believe, was a direct result of the flooding of July 2007, along with constant fluctuations of water levels in the lake throughout the year(s).
- Take an objective view of the shoreline, from land and by boat. You will find that you can still see the results of the 2007 flooding, dead vegetation and dead trees, surrounding Lake Texoma. Tour the islands, for example. The trees are dead. There is no vegetation. The damage on the islands is a result of flooding, not off-road vehicle use.
- As for wildlife, we don't think that critical habitats around the lake are affected by the off-road vehicles. The vehicles that we have traveled with, tread lightly and safely, and enjoy seeing any wildlife in obscure locations of the shoreline. As for trash, we rarely see any and when we do, we pick it up and take it home to dispose of it, and we never leave our trash anywhere on Corp property.
- We believe that there is good balance of wildlife around the shoreline, maybe even an abundance of wildlife. Due to the flood damage, many wildlife species come up out of the lands that surround Lake Texoma to feed in the residential areas.
- Many man hours, by local residents and other volunteers, were spent removing logs and all kinds of other debris after the flooding, in order to clear the area of many fire hazards. Clearing the recreation areas of Lake Texoma by volunteers also provided access back to the lakes for the general public.

SUGGESTIONS

- Ideally, we would like to be able to drive our golf carts, ATVs and UTVs anywhere along Lake

Texoma, as long as it on public (taxpayer) lands, not on private property, and as long as the vehicles are driven in a responsible and safe manner. Those that operate their vehicles in an irresponsible, or unsafe manner may be subject to fines (the higher the fine, the better the deterrent), on first offense, followed by confiscation thereafter.

- HOWEVER, most, if not all, responsible golf cart, ATV and/or UTV owners would be more than willing to pay an annual fee for the ability to drive to and around the shoreline. So, perhaps a PERMIT process could be implemented.
- Set the permit fee high enough that it is taken seriously, and make owners visit their local COE office in person to pay their permit fee (again, so that the process is taken seriously). Set up golf cart, ATV and/or UTV use rules, and make sure owners understand the rules (by signature).
- Mandate that owners take two courses – one on safety and one on environmental responsibility before their permit will be approved.
 - Visit ATV Safety dot org for more info a safety course: <http://www.atvsafety.org/asi.cfm>
 - Visit Tread Lightly dot org for more info on environmental responsibility training: <http://www.treadlightly.org/page.php/home/Home.html>
 - NOTE: There just happens to be a Trainer Course scheduled for THIS COMING SATURDAY, FEB 26 in the D/FW AREA. Perhaps a Corp Rep could attend this course and better determine if this is a viable option for teaching environmental responsibility in Tulsa District, specifically, at Lake Texoma. Course Info: http://www.treadlightly.org/page.php/programs-trainercourse/Trainer_Courses.html?t=2
- Only permitted golf carts, ATVs and UTVs would be allowed to travel on Corp lands, only after pledging to act in a safe and responsible manner. For the most part, enforcement could be handled by peers. Those of us who act in a responsible manner would not mind monitoring the lands for abusers. Random checks by the Corp, of the golf carts, ATVs and UTVs in the area for an official PERMIT sticker could be performed to verify all owners are abiding by the permit rules.
- We think that unmodified golf carts, those with regular golf cart tires, whether gas powered or electric, should be exempt from the permitting process and should be allowed access to the shoreline. This type of golf cart CAN NOT get through sand, or up into the elevated areas of the shoreline, and therefore pose no safety or environmental damage risk.
- We do agree that some type of LAKE VOLUNTEER exception permit should be issued for golf carts owned by those of us who regularly clean the recreation area nearest our homes. This would help the locals in the golf cart communities continue to enjoy access to the lake in exchange for a commitment to maintain the area when possible. This type of permit would be available to any local resident, after signing a volunteer commitment form.
- We do not agree that people with disabilities should be given special consideration as far as permitting or exceptions go, unless you are also given exceptions for able bodied LAKE VOLUNTEERS (above). If a disabled person wants to visit the shoreline, they should be able to do so, but only on a one-person vehicle – i.e., scooter, and even then with a special permit. Permitting for disabled drivers should not be an excuse for a "disabled" person to be allowed to drive a cart full of friends and family all over the shoreline.

CONCLUSION

We wish to thank you again for allowing us the opportunity to submit input and suggestions for the new policy. We appreciate that the Corp is taking the public's concerns into consideration and we hope that a clear policy results, that still allows us the ability to drive our vehicles to the lake that we own property either next to, or adjacent to.

Sincerely,

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From: FOIA
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We really appreciate your taking the time to listen to our concerns. Hopefully after the meeting at Enos you can more fully appreciate how much we are all affected.

As I stated earlier, we now do not go to the lake as often due to the difficulty of transporting our kids, grandmother, and all lake supplies through the woods in order to spend a day at the lake. It is easier for me to stay in OKC and go to a nearby lake where I can park and only walk a few feet to a beach area.

From what I can understand, you are now restricting the use of golf carts and ATV's because of the misuse of said vehicles and the destruction they are causing to the corp land. I have spent a lot of time at Lake Texoma and I see very few people that are driving fast, and or causing destruction to the corp land. If I am on the beach I try to stop said individuals basically to protect my family.

I do agree that the few people who are abusing the corp land need to be stopped and be penalized. However, should all of us be penalized because of those few? Could you come up with a way to stop the abusers, but still allow those people who care about the land and lake to continue to have easy access via their golf carts or ATV's.

Thank you very much

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From the Enos meeting, talk was made about establishing designated areas for golf cart, ATV access on corp land, as well as increasing authorized areas.

Col. Teague indicated to Sen. Josh Beechen that they could increase authorized areas-especially for homeowners whose land adjoins corp who use the land for family oriented beach access-who are not tearing up the land.! Had been enjoying for 20 years until this mess.

These areas behind homeowners land need to be for all property owners, not just disabled, golden aged, or volunteers. They pay more for the land adjoining corp, pay property taxes, etc.

Why are the "little red wagon people"(term used at the meeting indicating family people), the lady who has lived across from corp for 30 yrs, who has now been told to drive a mile to get to beach, possibly going to be denied access because of some people

I realize that these are changes that you can leagally enforce. And that you are considering doing so, due to the destruction of corp land. I think if you were to ascertain how many people are actually causing the problem, there would be a very minimal number. Why enforce the changes on all of the people who use the land, while most of these people respect the privilege they have and actually make every effort to clean up and preserve the land. Could you survey who is causing the problem, before making these radical changes?

Thank you for taking the time to listen to our concerns

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Februrary 14, 2011

From:
To:
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Date:

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Exemption 6
Access and off road vehicles
Monday, February 14, 2011 7:19:02 AM

Dear Sir,

If you did not get it from the meeting, access to the shore line is what we want.

Specifically we want access via golf carts and certain atv's.

My wife and I have property on [REDACTED] FOIA Exemption 6

We have been driving some kind of a vehicle to the beach for over thirty years.

Your current policy has almost eliminated use of the beach as we have enjoyed it for years.

Our beach area is in better condition now than it has ever been.

The blanket statement that the Corp is making about off road vehicles destroying the lake shore is far from the truth.

Our beach is better because we have been able to drive golf carts there.

Any policy you come up with needs to look at each an every area an allow golf carts on them where they do no harm.

These lakes are ours to enjoy and for many of us the joy is greatly reduced by not being able to access them by a motorized vehicle.

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From: FOIA Exemption 6
To:
Subject: On Road and Off Road Vehicles at Lake Texoma - comment
Date: Sunday, February 13, 2011 5:19:33 PM

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After the meeting in Enos, OK I thought the Corps was going to publish some preliminary regulations for a comment period. Since nothing has been posted, I must have misunderstood. Apparently you want comments before you publish any proposed or perhaps final regulations. Consequently I am offering the following comments.

I am strongly in favor of being able to drive golf carts and utility vehicles to access the shoreline of Lake Texoma. I am not in favor of people making trails for driving through the woods in ATVs or other vehicles. Where there are designated roads we should be able to use them with tagged vehicles, and where there are not designated roads, more should be designated. There is not enough legal access at this time. My neighbors and I used to use golf carts and utility vehicles to carry people, some of who are older or disabled, children, beach chairs etc. to the beach. We have not been able to do this for several months since citations or warnings were issued. We used a narrow road or trail that has been in existence a long time but is not a legal road. We do not drive around tearing up the beach or adjacent area. It is simply for transportation to the beach. We need to be able to drive to the beach area in golf carts and utility vehicles (not regular cars, trucks, motorcycles or ATVs) and park legally so that we can enjoy the lake. I am strongly in favor of this type "off road" use and making it "on road" by designating more roads and trails as legal.

Thank you for your service and for this opportunity to comment.

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From: FOIA Exemption
To: 6
Subject: Off road vehicles
Date: Sunday, February 13, 2011 6:08:49 AM

My name is FOIA Exemption 6 I will be 67 next month. I have had a place at Texoma since 1969 and have always had access to the water. Now FOIA Exemption 6 FOIA Exemption 6, for the last 2+years the Corps tell me I can't go to the water on my Gator or my golf cart. It is not an easy task for me to walk, even from a parking area, to the water to fish or just enjoy the scenery, and impossible for me to walk back up. These 2 vehicles are my handicap vehicles.

We also use the gator and golf cart to clean up the roadway and beach in our area FOIA Exemption 6, OR WE DID. I haven't been to the water 5 times since. My family or friends don't visit any more for fear of a ticket or just being harrassed by the Corps.

I FOIA Exemption 6 just have a damed hard time getting around. FOIA Exemption 6

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Our Vehicles don't tear up the beach, the operators do. The big wide tires don't tear up the beach, they float on the sand, not sink into it. If the Corps is going to give the citations, at least make them comprable to the local municipalities. I think that any legal resident of the U.S. of retirement age or disabled, should get a permit of some type to allow them to drive a motorized vehicle. If we are doing something wrong, give us a citation or put us on probation. If someone else is operating our vehicle, give them a ticket. FOIA Exemption 6

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The Corps should have some Drivers license size cards made up and charge us \$10.00 for a lifetime permit, the same as the Wildlife Dept., and if we want them embossed in plastic charge us the same as the Wildlife Dept. If we abuse it, treat us the same as the Wildlife Dept. in our state. Doing it like this would

From:
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Golf Cart Usage

Saturday, February 12, 2011 4:37:16 PM

Sir i have already given your Dept a 3 page statement at the Enos meeting. I live in FOIA Exemption 6 As i said in it you have way more problems with things other than golf carts and not the personnel to cover it. We get a Ranger almost every day come to check our little beach, which is still clean and well taken care of despite your ruling all at once no one could use it that's not physically able to walk. Why are we getting all of the attention is it because we are easy to check on just by driving by? They are running wild on 4 wheelers on your land out here but there is never anyone out here to catch them. I watched the other day as a trail that could be easily blocked off if you wanted to, have 4 ATV"s go in to the Corp Property. We also have a red high lift knobby tired golf cart still going to the beach despite our asking him not to. He is going in on private land which isn't your problem but he uses the trails to get there. We are not police so all we can do is ask him not to do it. We all will help you anyway we can all we want is the right to get back to the beach by summer. We are not causing any damage. If we have to give us permission and we will build a road only wide enough for golf carts and oversee it on corp property and not cross any private land. The trails are another problem but we will help you block them off if it helps our chances of getting beach access again. Thank you FOIA

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Attached is the LTA Vehicle Use Comments.

Thanks,

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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Tulsa District

Subject: Comments regarding on-road and off-road vehicles at Tulsa District lakes

February 9, 2011.

Attention: FOIA Exemption 6 Operations Division

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments and recommendations regarding on-road and off-road vehicles at Tulsa District lakes including Lake Texoma.

As you are aware, these are complex issues involving multiples types of vehicles, land uses, regulations, jurisdictions and other factors involving the Corps of Engineers and several other parties that have responsibilities in helping to resolve problems.

Our input follows which includes an overview of overall vehicle background and issues, actions underway and possible improvements by all parties around the lake.

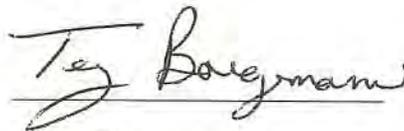
We appreciate the Corps efforts to help address vehicle problems particularly at Lake Texoma.



Ramona Clark-Judd

Executive Director

Lake Texoma Association



Terry Borgmann

President

Cc: FOIA Exemption 6 Corps Lake Manager

Lake Texoma FOIA Exemption 6

Vehicle Use at Lake Texoma

The Lake Texoma Association mission is to promote and protect Lake Texoma

- Help promote safe, legal and compatible vehicle use including education and reasonable regulations and compliance.
- Help reduce vehicle related injuries and damage to environment.

Background and Issues

- **All parties need to identify underlying vehicle use and operator laws, requirements, and enforcement problems and issues before trying to jump to solutions.**
- **Vehicles**
 - Low Speed and Neighborhood Vehicles
 - Golf Carts
 - All-Terrain Vehicles
 - Utility Type Vehicles or Recreational Off-Highway Vehicles
 - Unconventional Vehicles (Oklahoma State Regulations)
- **Vehicle Regulations, Enforcement and Compliance**
 - Vehicle passenger safety, environmental damage and compatible land use are primary concerns.
 - Voluntary compliance is preferred to enforcement actions.
 - Different vehicle regulations, enforcement and compliance exist for different areas and jurisdictions around Lake Texoma, such as Federal (Corps land and National Wildlife Refuges), Oklahoma and Texas States, Marshall, Bryan and Grayson counties, Local governments and Land Owner associations/subdivisions. Some jurisdictions do not have written vehicle regulations or ordinances, e.g. Bryan County Oklahoma only has vehicle regulations within Willow Springs Resort/Marina on Lake Texoma. Examples follow.
 - Corps and federal on-road and off-road land use such as *approved* roads, trails, woods, fields and lake shore beaches.
 - Federal, state and local vehicle regulations for on and off-road use.
 - State managed lands such as state parks and wildlife management areas.
 - State highways and roads.
 - County and Local government roads and land.
 - Association and Subdivision managed roads and land.
 - Private land use.
 - Lack of public access to the lake shoreline in several areas is a factor.
 - Need to establish or update adequate and reasonable vehicle laws/ordinances, regulations, and enforcement considering new types of vehicles and land uses.
 - Inadequate classroom and practical education of safety training and regulations for vehicle operators (juveniles and adults as well as parents and grandparents).

- Inconsistent promotion of safe and legal use of vehicles by officials, authorities, law enforcement, vehicle manufacturers and dealers, parents, grandparents or guardians and neighbors.
- Inconsistent enforcement by officials, authorities, law enforcement, parents, grandparents or guardians and neighbors.
- Unacceptable and/or illegal behavior by some vehicle operators.
- The public has widely different views on vehicle use around Lake Texoma.
- Lack of adequate off-road vehicle use areas such as parks and trails around Lake Texoma by federal, states, counties, local governments and private enterprise.

Actions

- **The Corps of Engineers and some of the states, counties and local governments are trying to address some of the vehicle use issues.**
 - Part of the responsibility is the Corps. They are trying to address improvements and issues that apply to their jurisdiction.
 - Part of the responsibility is the states, counties, local governments, land owner associations/subdivisions and vehicle manufacturers and dealers. Some are trying to address improvements and issues that apply to their jurisdiction and area.
 - Part of the responsibility is vehicle operators, parents, grandparents and neighbors. Some are trying to address improvements and issues.

Possible Improvements by ALL Parties

- Increased safety, legal and compatible vehicle use, reasonable regulations and compliance and decreased damage to the environment.
- Make vehicle use laws, regulations, rules, training and general information widely available online to the public on federal, state, county, local government, organizational and vehicle manufacturer/dealer web sites and other distribution methods. Periodically publicize in area media, businesses and organizations.
- Encourage lake area officials, vehicle dealers, other businesses, land owners as well as vehicle operators and parents, grandparents, guardians and neighbors to use vehicles around the lake in safe, responsible and legal ways.
- If laws and ordinances are not adequate, provide reasonable proposed changes to federal and state legislators and local government officials.
- Legislators and officials should take necessary action to update laws and regulations for new and/or improved vehicles and uses.
- Harmonize federal, state, county, and local government vehicle regulations around Lake Texoma to the degree practicable for longer term improvements.
- Establish and conduct classroom and practical training including safety and regulations for vehicle operators (juveniles and adults as well as parents and grandparents and other interested parties).
- Widely publicize and then issue warning citations where necessary for initial time period.
- Continue preference for voluntary compliance if practicable before enforcement.

From: FOIA Exemption 6
To: 6
Subject: RE: comment period for lake rules (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Friday, February 11, 2011 10:14:56 AM

Thank You. I shall await your response once the period is over.

> Subject: RE: comment period for lake rules (UNCLASSIFIED)
> Date: Thu, 10 Feb 2011 15:04:23 -0600
> From: FOIA Exemption 6
> To: FOIA Exemption 6

> Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
> Caveats: NONE

> Dear FOIA - The comment period will end on February 15. After that
> date we will review the comments to determine if they are releasable to the
> public. If they are we will then decide how and in what format the comments
> can be released to the public.

> Please let me know if you have any other questions.

> Thanks, FOIA

> -----Original Message-----

> From: FOIA Exemption 6
> Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2011 11:01 AM
> To: CESWT-DE SWT
> Subject: comment period for lake rules

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> FOIA Exemption 6

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From: FOIA Exemption 6 on behalf of CESWT-DE SWT
To: FOIA Exemption 6
Cc:
Subject: FW: comment period for lake rules (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Thursday, February 10, 2011 11:12:10 AM

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Caveats: NONE

Ofc of Counsel & Operations: This message was sent to the CESWT-DE mailbox. Not sure who should respond to FOIA email below. Please advise.

Thanks,

FOIA

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From: FOIA Exemption 6
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2011 11:01 AM
To: CESWT-DE SWT
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Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Caveats: NONE

From: FOIA Exemption
To: 6
Subject: SUGGESTIONS TO THE CORP - Lake Texahoma
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 1:46:34 PM

Dear FOIA

My family have been enjoying the lake since the 70's when my Grandparents purchased property at the Lake. I understand your concerns about the lake but in those years I have not seen the distruction of the shoreline or public land it has been just the opposite in our area FOIA Exemption the area has been keep clean and enjoyable for all to use. I feel the use of golf carts, tractors and other off-road vehicles to launch boats and enjoy the lake should be allowed. My mother, uncle and aunt who are elderly use golf carts to enjoy the fresh air at the lake without the confines of a motor vehicle which is heavier then a golf cart.

I don't know what the right answer is but I know it's not banning golf carts, tractors and other off-road on all corp land. The beaches and lakes are to be enjoyed. So many American need the outlet especially in this economy.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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From: FOIA Exemption 6
To: FOIA Exemption 6
Cc: FOIA Exemption 6
Subject: Lake Eufaula Concerns
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 5:13:57 PM

Dear FOIA Exemption 6

Thank you for taking public comments in the making/enforcing of 'Corps policy'.

Five years ago, my husband and I purchased a home backing up to Corps property and the lake. Although we are not yet there 'full time', we do spend 100% of our 'off' time at the lake, and we have spent a considerable amount of money getting this home ready for, and looking forward to, the day we are able to retire and live there full-time.

In the five years that we have owned in FOIA we have witnessed a tremendous amount of abuse and destruction to the lake and beach area, specifically on the shores East of Hwy 69 (Sandy Bass Bay, Greenbrier, Belle Starr Forest, etc.).

Regularly, we witness area lake residents and visitors on Corps property violating policy including, but not limited to:

- riding "seemingly harmless" golf carts (the weight alone can be destructive),
- racing and 'spinning-out' "greatly destructive" three and four wheelers,
- trucks, jeeps, and SUVs (carting 'party' supplies and equipment like home-sized BBQ grills & alcohol, etc),
- tractors and backhoes (taking of sand and removal of trees and brush),
- 'dumping' of non-perishables
- building of campfires (then abandoning same w/o putting them out)
- boaters 'beaching' for parties
 - playing excessively LOUD music (sometimes vulgar)
 - 'sinking' their cans/bottles,
 - leaving behind trash,
 - removing clothing, and
 - using the beach as 'bathroom' facilities.

Also, in the past six months alone, we have personally witnessed one neighbor (in law enforcement himself) get his 4 wheel drive pickup truck 'stuck' in the sand three times and cause quite a bit of destruction to the beach area each time getting it out, and on several other occasions, another neighbor shoot at herons, beavers, fish, deer, and more.

The 'point' behind our house that had been the 'year-round home' to an eagle 'family' (unbelievable, but true for three plus years) has virtually disappeared due to the weakening of the soils by these types of destructive acts. I could go on, but I'm sure you have probably "heard it all".

Unfortunately, 'monkey see - monkey do', so.... when one abuses, the next one thinks it's OK for them, too. And, although we have contacted the local Corps office in the past about these wrongs, the response time is not conducive to enforcement.

Signage forbidding same would be helpful, but I realize the continued maintenance of these signs becomes a 'nightmare' and a great expense for the Corps.

One solution might include enlisting the adjoining property owners along the lake to assist in enforcing the Corps policies. As part of the allowable 'use permits', the adjoining property owners could be granted 'control' of the Corps property DIRECTLY behind their property, following their property lines to intersection of neighboring lines and down to the 602' water line. The Corps would provide and install the permanent signs (signage would include minimal statements to the affect of 1) the conditional use of the lands by the public, 2) the permit rights of the property owner, 3) the enforcement policy, and 4) the phone number to call for this enforcement). The property owner would then be required to maintain those signs; as we already do for mowing permits.

Another could include an amended policy that would allow dock/platform/mooring permits to be granted for **only directly behind** adjoining property, and not allow those permits that would require the *crossing* of 'extended property lines' (as then people feel the need to 'drive' gear to the docks; otherwise we enter that attitude of 'if it's OK for them, it's OK for me', again). Existing docks/platforms/etc. could be 'grand-fathered' in but new permits issued only when those *virtual extended property lines* are not 'crossed'.

In addition, a policy forbidding the discharge of firearms on or about Corps lands, to include adjoining properties would be appreciated.

Another concern of ours is minimizing the natural and gradual as well as erosion of adjoining Corps property caused by water run-off and our rights to correct and protect our investment from same.

All this may sound like '*why would you want to live there*'; but much of this occurs only seasonally and much by only a 'visiting' handful, and then... the rest of the time... it is quite enjoyable. And.. there is nothing like a 'Lake Eufuala sunset'!

So, for the most part, the 'trade-off' is worth it. But, I believe that we should all remember that ***this is 'home'*** to many. It is our duty and responsibility to maintain and treat all properties as such.

My husband and I, too, echo Col. Michael Teague's statement: "Off-road vehicle use is tearing up the shoreline and destroying public lands. We need a clear policy that can be consistently administered throughout Tulsa District that protects the land while accommodating all of our visitors."

I noticed that the Corps website welcomes volunteers, so I am willing to participate on a 'task force' to meet, brainstorm, discuss, and prepare new policies. I would like to be part of a solution to make it better for all.

I appreciate your consideration. Please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

FOIA Exemption 6

From: FOIA
To: Exemption 6
Subject: comments
Date: Monday, February 07, 2011 6:10:50 PM

Where can the comments be viewed. Please respond to FOIA Exemption 6

From: FOIA Exemption 6
To:
Subject: On-road & Off-road Vehicles (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Monday, February 07, 2011 8:41:36 AM

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Caveats: NONE

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Many of the FOIA Exemption 6 and nearby residents have voiced requests to use on-road and off-road vehicles on the navigation system. Currently they load their off-road vehicles and take their on-road vehicles and drive a distance to use them. A few areas closer would work much better. Many use this type of recreation as family time. They also would like an area to use small disposable charcoal grills.

FOIA Exemption 6

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Caveats: NONE

From: FOIA Exemption 6
To: 6
Subject: Fw: comments on McLaughlin Creek and Washita Point Recreation area on Lake Texoma
Date: Friday, February 04, 2011 10:57:17 AM

--- On **Tue, 2/1/11,** FOIA Exemption 6 wrote:

From: FOIA Exemption 6
Subject: Fw: comments on McLaughlin Creek and Washita Point Recreation area on Lake Texoma
To: FOIA Exemption 6
Date: Tuesday, February 1, 2011, 4:33 PM

--- On **Tue, 2/1/11,** FOIA Exemption 6 wrote:

From: FOIA Exemption 6
Subject: comments on McLaughlin Creek and Washita Point Recreation area on Lake Texoma
To: FOIA Exemption 6
Date: Tuesday, February 1, 2011, 4:29 PM

Dear FOIA Exemption 6

Let me first say before my comments that the local people here in Lake Texoma sure did appreciate Col. Teague and staff coming down and holding meeting to get input from users of the Corps facilities on Lake Texoma.

I have lived in FOIA Exemption 6 Oklahoma since 2000 and have used the area facilities for well over twenty five years.

I am one of the dues paying members of the FOIA Exemption 6 FOIA Exemption 6 and I feel we have done a good job keeping the area clean and as much as we can with limited means in good repair. I feel like I can give an honest appraisal of the causes and effects of misuse of the facilities.

To break down the causes of damage to roads, trails and recreation areas I use the following percentages.

1. Damage to roads, trails, and recreation areas in McLaughlin Creek Area:

75% of damage is from a handful of four wheel drive, AKA , Mudder Pick Up Trucks.

(a) these vehicles abuse the area after every rain or snow and try to see how much mud

they can get on their trucks and how deep they can make the ruts on the roads and trails.

2. Damage to roads, trails and recreation areas by illegal dumpers of trash and refuse and

vandalism

20% of damage to Corps Lands are the result of this group who usually dump or

vandalize at night

(a) we have very little control of this damage except to call the Corps or the Sherriff's Department.

3. The remaining 5% of the damage to the McLaughlin Creek Area is from Natural events,

such as heavy rains, flooding, lightning strikes and ect.

(a) the [FOIA Exemption 6] tries to keep up with this damage as best we can with our resources.

4. To the best of my knowledge there is no damage occuring from the use of Golf Carts or ATV vehicles.

I would now like to address the area known as the West portion of the Washita Point Agriculture Lease.

When I first started coming to this area this area it was a nice place to come and have a picnic and do a little fishing off the bank with the family. In the years of unsupervised leasing of this area the facility has degraded to a point as to be classed as an eyesore and can only be accessed by four wheel drive vehichles and by truck. I would like to breakdown by percentage the cause of damage to this area.

1. 60% of the damage to this area's roads, trails, and recreation area is caused by the

Agriculture Leesee who drives his truck into the area every day regardless of rain, snow or any other climate condition to feed his cattle.

(a) when one of his home made roads gets to bad to traverse he simply moves over and makes a new road. He comes into the area at a cattleguard that is never closed

or locked off highway 70A at [FOIA Exemption 6]

2. 25% of the damage to this area is from the same group of Mudder PickUps that do

the damage in McLaughlin Creek Area.

3. 10% of damage is from illegal dumpers and vandals.

4. 5% of damage is from natural causes, rain, floods, lightning strikes

I am available 24/7 to anyone wishing to check on these percentages and would like to work with the Corps to clean up the above agricuture lease and turn the area back into a nice day use area. Thank you very much for your invitation to give input on this very important issue.

If I can be of service please contact me at:

[FOIA Exemption 6]

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Thanks again and I hope to here from you.
Best regards,

FOIA

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From:

FOIA

To:

Exemption 6

Subject:

Use of off road vichles on corp lake property

Date:

Thursday, February 03, 2011 5:56:34 PM

I live on lake texoma next to corp property adjoining the lake. I have seen the ATV's misuse corp property driving anywhere they can, resulting in serious accidents each year. The area around Washita Point is becoming a dangerous area to visit due to uncontrolled use of ATV's. The following suggestions would greatly help the situation:

1. Designate single road in and out of area with designated parking.
2. Restrict age of ATV's drivers.
3. No off road driving of any type.
4. Post signs at entrances so there is no excuse for misuse of corp property.
5. Include restrictions for firearms on use areas. This is a big problem!

From:

FOIA

To:

Exemption 6

Subject:

On-Road Off-Road

Date:

Wednesday, February 02, 2011 4:37:06 PM

I think we need a lot more access roads & parking to the water, we also need ATV trails around the lake, like they have at Lake Murraby. Then the 4- wheelers will have a place to ride safely and not on the Beaches, and to be charged a small fee should support it's self. I don't think we need all these special permits to drive any motorize vehicles onto the beaches. I believe the Corp of Engineers are smart enough to know if someone is handicapped or picking up trash. I believe it should be OK to take a senior or handicapped person to the beach get them set up then go park in the parking area. No one is going to get a permit for someone who just comes to the lake once or twice a week. I will pick up trash on my beach, but not if I have to get a permit. So if we follow the state & county laws we should be able to drive our golf-carts & utility vehicles to the water (not on beaches).

Sincerely,

FOIA

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Lake access
Date: Tuesday, February 01, 2011 1:14:44 PM

Sir

I attended the meeting at Enos and must say I was very impressed with Col. Michael Teague apparent grasp of the issues concerning vehicular access to COE propriety.

As a full-time resident and small business operator(many of my costumers are part-time owners) the policies formed can have a personal and business effect on me.

As in most problems in society a small groups disregard for rules and common sense creates problems for many. I hope you can formulate standards which will allow reasonable access for responsible users and still prevent abuse and damage to COE propriety.

My personal experience with your Rangers has been pleasant and constructive, I have heard stories to the contrary and feel both parties were at fault for the conflict. I can imagine a situation where someone is approached by a ranger and becomes upset when he is told he is breaking rules. On the other hand many Rangers are young and don't have a lot of experience dealing with the public.

As I sad opening I feel we(COE,county,state and residents)are on the right track to a reasonable solution.

Respectfully

[REDACTED]
FOIA Exemption 6

From: FOIA
To: Exemption 6
Subject: On-road and off-road vehicles at Tulsa District lakes
Date: Sunday, January 30, 2011 9:56:20 PM

First, I appreciate Colonel Teague and the corps for attending the 2 listening sessions at the Enos Community Center.

I am a homeowner in the FOIA Exemption 6 I own a street legal insured and tagged Low Speed Vehicle an insured UTV and a Farmall tractor with a slow moving vehicle warning sign. I certainly want to understand which of these vehicles I can operate on corps areas and how I can legally operate them.

I do NOT operate any of these vehicles on corps property other that to have ingress or egress to the FOIA Exemption 6 beach area (LSV or UTV) to drop off times and to park in a grassy area or to launch a boat (tractor) and park the tractor & boat trailer in a grassy area. I have never driven shoreline or operating any of these vehicles at a speed exceeding 10 or 15 mph on cops property.

What I would like to see within the proposed corps policy:

1. Allow limited access or egress to beach areas with a designated area to park after unloading equipment on or near the beach.
2. Require that only street legal and properly insured vehicles are allowed access to corps property (except tractors utilized specifically for boat launching).
3. Allow tractors for boat launching in areas where boat ramps are not possible, such at the FOIA Exemption 6 beach corps area.
4. Disallow off road use except as indicated in item 1.
5. Allow only legitimate leased roads in to and out of all corps areas.
6. Disallow all camping except in corps designated camping areas.
7. Disallow excessive alcohol use on corps areas by working with local authorities to administer DUI checkpoints.
8. Allow only licensed drivers to operate vehicles on corps property.
9. Communicate the new policy and enforce the precisely what the new policy says - equally and fairly to everyone.
10. Sell a reasonably priced vehicle decal to limit vehicles that access corps properties. The decal would allow your officers to know what vehicles were registered to be on your property. It would also create an additional revenue source for the corps.

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"Without God, democracy will not and cannot long endure. If we ever forget that we're one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under."

– Ronald Reagan

From: FOIA Exemption
To: 6
Subject: Rules
Date: Sunday, January 30, 2011 5:32:56 PM



This is a picture of a grass fire yesterday behind our neighborhood. I would ask that mowing continue to be allowed in certain residential areas that would help prevent this type of fires on lake Texoma.

From: FOIA Exemption
To: 6
Subject: Lake Texoma Policy
Date: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 9:05:47 AM

Hi FOIA

I wanted to thank you and Col. Teaque for coming down and listening to our concerns. My family has owned property at this lake since 1954.

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FOIA Exemption 6 We have been using our atv and a golf cart to access the beach with out any problems until this last summer when they were ticketed and told ADA didn't matter on corp property. Now that golf carts are allowed so I assume due to the county law change for Beachview, Taylors Island View and Sandy Beach the golf cart use is a non issue now. The reason we drive the atv to the leased Beachview area is that the golf carts get stuck however our 4 wheel drive automatic transmission atv can crawl through the sand. We also use the atv to clean up the county roads as well as the beach areas between Taylors and Sandy Beach after the week ends during the summer months. We drive the atv on the shoulder of the road while cleaning up trash so the sheriff hasn't had a problem as long as we stay off the road. Dog and cat dumping has also been a problem and we caught 12 dogs last summer. After catching them we put them in pet carriers and take them to Ardmore Animal Shelter. So as you can see we do a lot of pubic service with our atvs and golf carts. An exception for my wife and son for use in the Beachview ramp area and back would work for us. If we had a phone number to call we could report camping and vehicle use on corp property if that would help the Army Corp protect the area. We don't like these vehicles tearing up and trashing the shore line either. Thanks again for coming down and listening to our concerns.

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From: FOIA
To: Exemption 6
Subject: Golf Carts on Corp property
Date: Friday, January 21, 2011 12:23:26 PM

Thank you for hearing our concerns! We were told by the Grayson County Tax office that we had to purchase a golf cart license for our Golf Cart and that would allow us to access Corp property. I think this statement should be made to be a "true statement". Purchasing a license should allow us to go to the beach in our golf carts. The homeowners have maintained the beach area at FOIA Exemption 6 for more than 30 years and our beach area has not deteriorated. In fact, it looks better now than it did 30 years ago. I know this for a fact because we have had property in FOIA Exemption 6 for more than 30 years. We do not need help or funds or manpower from the Corp of Engineers, we just need to be able to access our beach so our families can enjoy the water.

Sincerely,
FOIA Exemption 6

From: FOIA Exemption 6
To:
Subject: Regarding on-road and off-road vehicles at Tulsa District lakes
Date: Friday, January 21, 2011 11:25:05 AM
Attachments: [New Golf Cart Rules Take Effect September 1, 2009.pdf](#)

Hello FOIA

I was at the listening session held Jan 8th. Texas already has rules regarding Golf carts allowing their use on public and private beaches. I attached a copy. I suggest we go by each States rules.

Per attached:

Texas State law allows the use of golf carts with a slow-moving vehicle emblem in the following situations:

- in master planned communities with a uniform set of restrictive covenants in place,
- on public or private beaches,
- during the daytime and no more than two miles from where the owner usually parks the golf cart and for transportation to or from a golf course, or
- to cross intersections, including a road or street that has a posted speed limit of more than 35 mph.

Sincerely,

FOIA Exemption 6

Contact: Vehicle Titles and
Registration
Phone: (512) 465-7611
August 28, 2009

New Golf Cart Rules Take Effect September 1, 2009

AUSTIN - A new state law instructs the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to stop registering and titling golf carts, but these owners won't be stuck in their driveways.

The law takes effect September 1, 2009, and allows cities to regulate golf cart use in their communities

"While we will stop registering golf carts you will still be able to drive these vehicles on public roads, providing you follow the state laws governing golf cart operation," said Rebecca Davio, director of TxDOT's Vehicle Titles and Registration Division.

State law allows the use of golf carts with a slow-moving vehicle emblem in the following situations:

- in master planned communities with a uniform set of restrictive covenants in place,
- on public or private beaches,
- during the daytime and no more than two miles from where the owner usually parks the golf cart and for transportation to or from a golf course, or
- to cross intersections, including a road or street that has a posted speed limit of more than 35 mph.

"Cities also can allow golf carts with the proper equipment on certain roads, but you need to check with your city government to find out where or if they are permitted," Davio said.

A city can pass a local ordinance allowing golf cart use on roads with a posted speed limit of 35 mph or lower. However, the golf cart must be insured and have the following minimum equipment:

- headlamps,
- tail lamps,
- reflectors,
- parking brake,
- mirrors, and
- a slow-moving vehicle emblem.

The state, a county, or a city can ban golf cart operation on all or part of a public road in the interest of safety.

Note: An exception for Grayson County allows for the issuance of Golf Cart License Plates.

More information on golf carts, neighborhood electric vehicles, all-terrain vehicles and recreational off-highway vehicles is available at www.txdot.gov or by [contacting us](#).

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The Texas Department of Transportation is responsible for maintaining nearly 80,000 miles of road and for supporting aviation, rail and public transportation across the state. TxDOT and its 15,000 employees strive to empower local leaders to solve local transportation problems, and to use new financial tools, including tolling and public-private partnerships, to reduce congestion and pave the way for future economic growth while enhancing safety, improving air quality and preserving the value of the state's transportation assets. Find out more at www.txdot.gov.

From: FOIA Exemption 6 on behalf of CESWT-DE SWT
To: FOIA
Subject: FW: Off road vehicle use on corp managed lakes (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Friday, January 21, 2011 10:08:24 AM

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Caveats: NONE

-----Original Message-----

From: FOIA Exemption 6
Sent: Thursday, January 20, 2011 4:48 AM
To: CESWT-DE SWT
Subject: Off road vehicle use on corp managed lakes

I would like to make a few suggestions for your consideration as to how to deal with the problem with off road vehicles on corp managed property as a result of the meeting at Enos, OK in Jan. 2010.

1. Designate roads and paths where residents and visitors can access the shore with approved off road vehicles.
2. Establish a means where communities and individuals can get their access points approved by the corp.
3. Disseminate to the public at each location the approved road, trails, etc. and the type of vehicles allowed on those areas. This must be done at the access points because the weekend visitors do not have access to our local newspapers.
4. Uniformly enforce the policy. This means not just monday through friday but on weekends when the population around the lakes increases tenfold with visitors. If the ranger staff is insufficient perhaps individual volunteers from the local communities around the lakes could be trained and given some type of enforcement authority.
5. Perhaps certain areas away from the shoreline could be designated for offroad vehicle use to allow the individuals who mostly joy ride an area to do that. The number of ATVs and dirt bikes around our lake communities is staggering and the people who own them are going to ride them somewhere regardless of state or federal rules and regulations.
6. Solicit more comments from the public prior to establishing policy.
There are a lot of good ideas out there. The meeting at Enos was a good start but due to the size of the crowd and the short time allowed not a lot was actually accomplished.
7. Our lakes and public areas belong to all of us and should be there for our enjoyment. We must all find an environmentally friendly way to access and enjoy our natural resources.

Thank you Col. Teague for coming to Lake Texoma and soliciting public input on this important problem. If I can be of any assistance in this matter please contact me:

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Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Caveats: NONE

From: FOIA Exemption 6 on behalf of CESWT-DE SWT
To:
Subject: FW: Meeting this past Sat. (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Tuesday, January 18, 2011 5:30:28 PM

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Caveats: NONE

-----Original Message-----

From: FOIA Exemption 6
Sent: Tuesday, January 18, 2011 11:11 AM
To: CESWT-DE SWT
Subject: RE: Meeting this past Sat. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Col. Teague: Thanks for the response. Is there a place on your web site where we can review the comments made for the proposed rules.

again thanks

> Subject: RE: Meeting this past Sat. (UNCLASSIFIED)
> Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2011 08:20:19 -0600
> From: FOIA Exemption 6
> To: FOIA Exemption 6

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> Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
> Caveats: NONE

> FOIA Exemption 6

> It was really nice to meet you as well. Our collective challenge is to
> come up with the policies that will apply to everyone and allow people
> to enjoy the beach while giving the Rangers the guidelines that they
> need to protect the shoreline. Clearly from the meeting, it is
> something that many people are passionate about. The feedback and
> input were great. Thanks again for your help. We will have a page
> posted on our website today that gives a point of contact for additional comments and ideas.

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> Thanks again,
> COL Teague

> -----Original Message-----

> From: FOIA Exemption 6
> Sent: Monday, January 10, 2011 10:39 AM
> To: CESWT-DE SWT
> Subject: Meeting this past Sat.

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> Col. Teague: I just wanted the thank you for taking the time to give
> us your thoughts and listen to our concerns. It is my sincere hope
> that you and your team will come up with a comprehensive set of
> regulations that we can all live with. I implore you to apply as much
> common sense to these rules as possible taking into consideration the
> handicapped, elderly and the past practices of the last 50 years on
> this lake. The majority of the people agree that we can not have
> people tearing up the beach and destroying the property; however, We
> hold dear to the belief that the actions of a few should never punish
> the many and will go to the lengths necessary to protect our rights as
> citizens of the United States. Margret Mead put it as profoundly as I

> have ever heard: "Never doubt that a small committed group of citizens
> can change the world --- It's the only thing that ever has." We are that group of citizens.

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> Again, Thank you for your time and service to our country

>
> Sincerely

> FOIA Exemption 6

> [Redacted]

> Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

> Caveats: NONE

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Caveats: NONE

From: FOIA Exemption 6
To: 6
Cc:
Subject: Off Road Vehicles
Date: Tuesday, January 18, 2011 11:29:29 AM

FOIA

Just a short comment and recommendation for Off Road Vehicles used at OK Lakes and on Corp Property.

I own property at Lake Texoma. When I purchased the property in early 1980, my property had no lake level markers "Corp Markers" on it and I purchased the property assuming that I would have full rights and privileges forever. I do not live on the property, but live nearby and plan to build on my lake front property when I retire. The property is in FOIA Exemption 6 located just west of Cartwright, OK. I purchased the property from FOIA Exemption 6. Since the time of my purchase, the lake has flooded at least 3 – 4 times. Now my property has Corp markers across it which designate the highest lake level at flood stage (?) and I am told that I cannot build on that section of my property. (Not sure this is true?) In fact, I am told it is considered "Public Domain". I would like to continue to be able to access ALL my property with my golf cart, 4 wheeler / ATV, truck and tractor. Furthermore, our community has public beaches that we often access with golf carts, ATV's and tractors for beach access, recreation and maintenance. I believe that only owners within the community should be allowed to continue to have these privileges, however I do not believe that larger 4 wheel drive vehicles or All wheel drive autos should be allowed to drive on these beaches or Corp areas unless they are performing maintenance or transporting handicap persons to and from these areas with a current handicap placard. I have a handicap son who cannot access the beach without the use of a 4 wheeler, or golf cart. Under no circumstance should anyone be allowed to damage the beach or Corp areas by spinning tires, driving more than 5 mph or causing ruts. I believe that if ruts are accidentally or carelessly created by any vehicle in these areas, the person or parent of anyone causing such damage should be held responsible to fill in the ruts and could be ticketed by the sheriff or other officials if reported by fellow property owners or observers of this destructive act. Let's face it, no matter what is decided, the Corp's cannot enforce any laws 100% of the time on 100% of the Corp or beach property. Homeowners within the community should have a say in establishing the rules and I believe should have some responsibility in maintaining, enforcing or at the very least, reporting violators. Furthermore, our community has invested heavily in expensive security gates and fences and is now a fully gated community. As a result, we seldom have non residents driving in the area, on the beaches or Corp property without owners present. Thus, perhaps gated communities, should have higher privileges and self enforcement. Lastly, I believe that in no circumstance should anyone be allowed to park any vehicle or trailer on the beach or within 100ft. of the beach unless performing maintenance. However, I do believe that property owners should be able to launce small sailboats, no motorized boats, on our community beaches or properties.

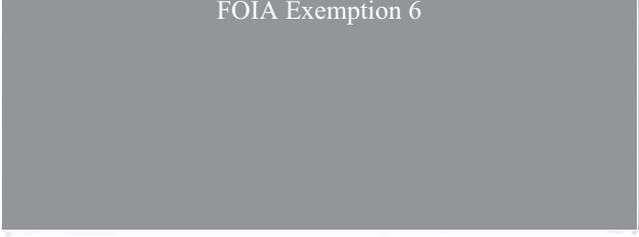
Thank you for your consideration and feedback.

Lastly, I would be willing to become personally involved to help enforce the above rules or support the Corps in any way.

Please feel free to call on me at any time. see below phone numbers and contact info.

Respectfully,
FOIA Exemption 6

FOIA Exemption 6



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From: FOIA Exemption
To: 6
Subject: off road vehicles
Date: Monday, January 17, 2011 1:13:05 PM

I live on Keystone lake in the FOIA Exemption 6 area. There is a closed down park to the west of my home that has been having a lot of 4 wheelers and dirt bikes in the past couple of years. They are doing a lot of damage to the sand hills and lake shore in the area but my main complaint is the noise. Many of them have no muffler of any kind and can be annoying from almost a half mile away so bad that you have to stop conversation. I am against the use of these vehicles and believe these lands could be enjoyed by many more people if these areas were closed to these vehicles

Thank you
FOIA
Exemption 6

From: FOIA Exemption 6
To:
Subject: Off-road vehicles at Lake Eufaula
Date: Sunday, January 16, 2011 12:37:48 AM

FOIA

I'm greatly encouraged that the issue of off-road vehicles on corps property is being addressed. I am a lakefront property owner in the FOIA Exemption 6 of Lake Eufaula. I have seen first hand the erosion that is caused by off-road vehicles being used on the beach for recreation and hauling. According to the shore management plan, there is a policy in place but it is not communicated nor enforced. I have reported instances of 4 wheeler traffic on corps property in the past, but the offenders were never confronted or held responsible for their actions, so admittedly, I gave up.

Part if the problem in my addition is the distance that is traveled from owners' homes and property to their boat docks. They have been allowed to place their docks up to 500 feet from their property lines and find it easier just to load all their personal items (ice chests, umbrellas, floats, grills etc) on the 4 wheeler and drive to the dock. We even have folks launching their watercraft on the beach with 4 wheelers and jeeps.

My suggestion

That we have a clear and concise policy for off-road vehicles on corps property.
That a clear procedure be included for reporting violations.
That the policy include consequences for non-adherence.
That the policy and consequences be communicated in local newspapers, booklets, bulk mailings etc.
That the policy be strictly enforced.

I would also suggest that tighter restrictions be placed on dock locations. 500 feet is a long way, and the contention that the property line goes all the way across the water infinitely is absurd. This fact alone has come into play in our neighborhood and resulted in people using their off-road vehicles just to get to their docks.

Thank you for listening.

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From: FOIA Exemption 6
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Comment on off road vehicles on Lake Texoma
Date: Friday, January 14, 2011 11:36:51 PM

FOIA

I compliment the LakeTexomaproject and the Tulsa District Corps of Engineers on addressing the problem of unauthorized use of vehicles on government property. Too often it seems a problem such as this is ignored because only the local population takes an interest and the broader population is unaware of the problem or apathetic.

I would not oppose the use of vehicles to access LakeTexomaif the access is limited to a small number of trails in limited areas and the trails are authorized, they are policed, and fair market value is paid for the use. Licenses to build trails might be granted after a finding of no significant impact or a categorical exclusion of the need for further environmental review, similar to boat ramp license. The problem seems to be some groups don't want to accept limitations on their lake access. The Corps of Engineers should not shy from the responsibility to manage the project for all of the users, in spite of the pressure from a few. There have been boat ramps and quasi-public use areas on some lakes that are de facto exclusive use by a group or individual and I do not think this should be allowed.

Making a policy for all the projects operated by the Tulsa District Corps of Engineers based on a problem in one area of LakeTexomaand one public meeting in a remote site does not seem like a good idea. Before vehicles are permitted on Government land through out the District there should be an Environmental Impact Survey to since the impact may be so serious and involves so many projects. A notice and opportunity to comment should be allowed to address the concerns of not just the people who live near the lake who may be immediately impacted by the decision but also the concerns of everyone who might be impacted. Land use master plans on some lakes may need to be revised after the EIS is completed

FOIA Exemption 6

[REDACTED]

From:
To:
Cc:

FOIA Exemption 6

Date:

Friday, January 14, 2011 7:32:52 PM

January 14th, 2011

FOIA

I am the president of [redacted] FOIA Exemption 6 I had been made aware of some discussion(s) on 4 wheelers and golf carts on Army Corps land at Lake Texoma.

Our addition sits on [redacted] FOIA Exemption 6 Lake Eufaula. We have in the past contacted the Macintosh County Sheriff's office to understand their policy on golf carts, mules and 4 wheelers on the roads in the addition. The sheriff said we could have golf carts on the roads provided they stayed off of main county roads and followed legal rules of the road. The sheriff did however state that mules, 4 wheelers and non licensed utility vehicles would be ticketed as they were, in the sheriff's eyes a nuisance to public safety due to the fact they can and often travel so fast.

Also, the Army Corps at Lake Eufaula has allowed golf carts on Corps Land provided they had "turf friendly" tires and were driven responsibly. Many of us in the addition have golf carts and use them to access our boat docks located on the Corps Land.

Can you please advise me of what the discussion is that is ongoing, that we were not aware of at Enos, Oklahoma. This matter could obviously effect the Tulsa District of the Army Corps of Engineers and Lake Eufaula Property Owners.

Sincerely,

FOIA Exemption 6

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From: FOIA
To: Exemption 6
Subject: flood plain usage
Date: Friday, January 14, 2011 7:21:02 PM

FOIA : I am writing in regard to the flood plain along red river. I am 61 years old and have been riding, fishing and hunting that area since 1965 and still enjoy doing the same thing. There are only a handful of people around FOIA that use that area. We pick up our trash as well as any trash we run across. I understand you have two concerns land erosion and interfering with deer hunters. The trails are in the same shape that they have been for as long as I can remember and it is a flood plain. As far as interfering with the deer hunters we would be glad to work with the local Game Warden to solve that problem. The land is not leased to anyone for crops or grazing and we respect any fences that divide the area from private land. I plead with you to consider not blocking us out. thanks, FOIA Exemption

From: FOIA
To: Exemption 6
Subject: PUBLIC INPUT
Date: Friday, January 14, 2011 11:22:17 AM

Lets hope that you folks apply some common sense to your rule making process. I realize that a bureaucracy and common sense is, often times, an oxymoron, however please do all you can. When attempting to formulate a comprehensive set of rules for an entire district, and the many lakes within that district, you MUST consider the individual characteristics of the individual lakes. What applies to one lake may not apply to all others. You should also consider the past practices of the taxpayers. Texoma has a fifty year history of use by the public and the accommodations of the past should be taken into consideration. Taxpayers have been using tractors to launch their boats with good reason. As the lake level changes so does the ability to launch. Tractors are a necessity because it is impossible to get a truck deep enough into the water to float a boat off of a trailer even at concrete ramps. Atv's and Uty,s are being used to launch jet skies for the same reasons. It is not reasonable to attempt to stop these practices that have been going on for the past half century.

Some individuals mow the property adjacent to the lake and mow Corp. controlled property as well. The mowing is done primarily around subdivisions that have developed over the past fifty years. I don't know when your 30 foot rule was formulated, but it should be amplified and no longer applies in all cases. The reasons for this practice are two fold. First and foremost is SAFETY. Five years ago there was a very large grass fire that started on a sod farm and consumed hundreds of acres of which a significant portion was on Corp controlled property. Had individuals not mowed the property, entire subdivisions could have been lost to this fire. The other safety concerns are snakes and other forms of wildlife that are harmful to humans and abundant around the lake not to mention the wild hog population that is rapidly growing. The second reason for mowing is ascetics, I would think that you would welcome the beautification of the lake by the landowners, after all, it cost you nothing and makes the lake more appealing to the taxpayers. Also, mowing makes the lake more user friendly for humans and DOES NOT HURT THE ENVIRONMENT. Areas are not being scalped, the underbrush is being controlled and beautified. Here again, COMMON SENSE. If areas are being harmed; deal with the people doing the harm not all of the people.

Up until the current administration, many elderly and handicapped individuals, as well as others. used golf carts, atv.'s and utv's to access the lake and beaches. While it is recognized that some individuals abuse the practice, you should not punish the many for the actions of a few. Go after the individuals that are destroying property with a vengeance and leave the people that are not destroying property alone to enjoy it. We bought property at the lake to enjoy it and retire to an area that we could enjoy. We ask that you please consider the elderly and handicapped when making rules that will adversely impact

our ability to enjoy this resource. I would strongly recommend that you follow ADA and handicapped guidelines, and go beyond them when formulating your rules. Accommodations must be made for individuals sixty two and older and individuals with disabilities. I assure you that many people do less damage to the property by enjoying a ride than do the few who are tearing up and down the beaches. The second thing I would implore you to consider is the ECONOMIC IMPACT that restrictive rules will have and are having on Marshall County and the other counties around the lake. It is already being felt, I assure you, by business owners. Marshall county derives much of its income from tourism and visitors to the lake. Before you implement your final rules I would hope that you give us a chance to look at them, comment and advocate for change where we feel necessary.

Finally, I want to leave you with one thought: “ NEVER DOUBT THAT A SMALL COMMITTED GROUP OF CITIZENS CAN CHANGE THE WORLD—IT’S THE ONLY THING THAT EVER HAS”
Margret Mead.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

FOIA Exemption 6

From: FOIA
To: Exemption 6
Subject: Lake Texoma off-road vehicle
Date: Thursday, January 13, 2011 3:32:01 PM

FOIA
Exemption 6

I attended the listening session last weekend at the Enos community center, and did not hear anything mentioned about using tractor to launch boats from the beach. Tractors have been used at Taylors' Island View for decades. I sure hope that does not change.

I do not see the real problem with golf carts down on the beach. The Corp says it causes erosion, but I believe that playing horse shoes in the sand causes more erosion than the the golf carts. I received a \$115 dollar ticket for dropping our stuff off at the beach and parking the golf cart in the grass two years ago. The ranger was rude about it as well, and I had 3 young children with me and he threatening to take me to jail if I gave him false info. A little unnesseary. Last summer there was a time that the rangers were removing keys out of vehicles which was not right. The Corp has really made it unenjoyable to be at the beach with there harassment.

Please help correct these problems. Sorry for the RANT.

Thanks for all your doing.

FOIA
Exemption 6

From: FOIA
To: Exemption 6
Subject: lake Texoma hearing
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2011 3:36:21 PM

Is the Corps going to ban all off road vehicles from all of it's property? What about hunters accessing game in remote floodplain areas of the river, or fishermen that use ATVs to pull small boats down to the river to set lines. Why can't the Corps enforce a permit for off road usage and use the monies along with off road clubs help to establish riding trails which would bring revenue to area towns and the Corps. The Corps has implemented this same action on numerous Lakes in different states with great success.

With organized off road clubs partnering the Corps help could foster a greater relationship with landowners. FOIA lets make this a win win fall all parties involved.

From:
To:
Cc:

FOIA Exemption 6

Subject: Off road vehicles
Date: Tuesday, January 11, 2011 2:52:17 PM

FOIA

I would like to voice our opinion on the use of off road vehicles (ATV,UTV,and Golf Carts) usage on Texoma shorelines and floodplain areas. As a recreational user for the past 15 years enjoying the floodplain area of Texoma I plead with you to work with off road enthusiast in dedicating areas in the floodplain to ride,As other areas where the Corps have joined forces with local ATV clubs and riders in establishing riding trails and help in maintaining them by funding it with Day Usage fees that could be purchased over the Internet along with the many volunteers that would help maintain the trails.Anyone without a permit would be fined.Riding areas would be closed during hunting season .

FOIA

I plea with you as an American help us work with the Corps so all can benefit from the floodplain usage.

Americans whether you use off road vehicles for recreation,hunting ,fishing ,or just want to be able for future generations to have access please sign and forward this on to other Americans ,Don't let the Goverment lock us out of the floodplain.

Sign:

FOIA Exemption 6

From: FOIA Exemption 6 on behalf of CESWT-DE SWT
To:
Subject: FW: Meeting this past Sat. (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Monday, January 10, 2011 2:36:25 PM

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Caveats: NONE

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From: FOIA Exemption 6
Sent: Monday, January 10, 2011 10:39 AM
To: CESWT-DE SWT
Subject: Meeting this past Sat.

Col. Teague: I just wanted to thank you for taking the time to give us your thoughts and listen to our concerns. It is my sincere hope that you and your team will come up with a comprehensive set of regulations that we can all live with. I implore you to apply as much common sense to these rules as possible taking into consideration the handicapped, elderly and the past practices of the last 50 years on this lake. The majority of the people agree that we can not have people tearing up the beach and destroying the property; however, We hold dear to the belief that the actions of a few should never punish the many and will go to the lengths necessary to protect our rights as citizens of the United States. Margret Mead put it as profoundly as I have ever heard: "Never doubt that a small committed group of citizens can change the world --- It's the only thing that ever has." We are that group of citizens.

Again, Thank you for your time and service to our country

Sincerely
FOIA Exemption 6

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Caveats: NONE

March 20, 2011

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is [FOIA Exemption 6] and I am a full time resident, residing [FOIA Exemption 6]. [FOIA] I thought I was living my dream, when I purchased a home here on Lake Texoma nearly 15 years ago, but things began changing about five years ago. That is the reason I am contacting you today.

A situation has arisen concerning the corp road in my neighborhood. Up until just a few short years ago, it allowed me access to [FOIA Exemption 6]. I understand that one of my neighbors, [FOIA] has been meeting with the corp regarding the situation. I would like to make certain that my voice is heard, and that both sides of this saga are told, because this lake access was the SOLE deciding factor in my decision to buy a home here.

I still remember the day my realtor drove me down your road, and I set eyes on [FOIA] for the first time. One word came to mind...and it was SOLD! I couldn't believe I had found this place! I am literally within a handful of months of having my home paid for, and my dream has turned into a nightmare.

I need to give you a little background as to what has transpired here regarding the corp road over the last five years. After [FOIA] purchased his house, he had a fear that his house would flood, and he in turn determined that the way to remedy this situation was to take the ditch on [FOIA] that had always been utilized to direct the water runoff from our neighborhood... and elevate it by 3 feet.

Water had always entered this ditch from two directions.

It flowed south down [FOIA Exemption 6] and... it ran East down [FOIA]. Ultimately this water ends up on Corp property.

This is how the water USED to enter the ditch, and ultimately be diverted onto your land. The water had always run OVER the top of this ditch on [FOIA] up until the time [FOIA] decided to build the ditch up those 3 feet.

The elevation of this ditch did two things. The water that once flowed over and into it now hit this cinderblock wall. The ditch was now too high for the water to enter it and was now being redirected straight down [FOIA] and onto Corp land. From there Mother Nature simply took over. Within a matter of a few short years, the road people had been using since the corp. provided it all those years ago was now washing out at an alarming rate. This was simply a disaster waiting to happen and the disaster has occurred.

[FOIA] stated to me and many others, on more than one occasion, that this ditch was on his land, and therefore he had the right to do as he chose in order to protect his property. Who was I to argue? But when in our efforts to repair the roads within our neighborhood a survey was completed, and I saw

that it proved this ditch was never on [FOIA] property.? I changed my tune. Now maybe something could get done.

When we as a neighborhood saw what was happening, we addressed the situation by forming a Nonprofit Home Owners Association, just so we could deal the deterioration of our roads and that of the lake access road as well.

I need you to know, that the repairs to the roads within our neighborhood have started, and should be completed soon. As a homeowner I would like to know where the Corp stands on the rumor I heard this week that the road is officially closed.

Are you willing to allow us the opportunity to repair the lake access road that has been lost due to [FOI] [FOIA] redirection of the water? I ask because I know there are homeowners that are presently looking into procuring grant money to be utilized for such a project. We met with [FOIA Exemption 6] this past weekend about doing a topographical survey of the affected area, and are willing to secure his services if the corp is willing to work with us and allow us to present a plan to repair the damage and see to it that this road is maintained properly.

I would like to mention that [FOIA] is a favorite destination (a hot spot if you will...) for boaters on Lake Texoma because of its proximity to "The Islands". As such, many people also access this location by water. Right now they are the only ones that can.

I cannot tell you how many bags of trash I have picked up in my 15 years here, but I can tell you, holiday weekends are the worst! I simply figured that was the price you paid for a "little piece of heaven" here on earth and did it.

I have concerns about this road being permanently closed, if this rumor is true, due to the fact that without this road, emergency and law enforcement personal will have major difficulty in accessing this location, should the need arise. We have been working diligently on this project since Memorial Day of 2009 and have only recently collected the funds to see it completed.

In closing, I would like to ask that you contact me in writing or by e-mail at your earliest convenience regarding my question about the future of the lake access road. I can provide you with photographs of what this road was like prior to [FOIA] purchase of the property abutting this corp road, if you feel it would be helpful.

I have been told that the corp likes to deal with one person when it comes to situations like this. Please consider me the "go to" person if you have any questions concerning this situation, [FOIA Exemption 6] [FOIA Exemption 6] and have been involved in this project from the start.

Since 1993 we often visit a good friend who owns a cabin/ lake house at Lake Texoma. We were saddened to learn that we will no longer be able to ride UTV's like Gators, Mules, etc. or golf carts on the Corp land's beautiful trails that surround the lake.

While we always enjoy boating, swimming, and fishing, a favorite activity was riding the trails and shoreline. We understand that this is no longer possible for property owners or visitors.

How sad to limit Lake Texoma's activities needlessly. Obviously we'll be pitching in less money to buy gas and goodies for our rides. What a shame for Texoma's economy and our fun times.

We're hoping that [FOIA Exemption 6] influences will persuade the Corp to reconsider its negative decisions concerning Lake Texoma's recreational activities. Thank you for your time and effort in Oklahoma's and our behalf.

FOIA Exemption 6

The issue of golf cart and UTV's needs to be addressed. UTV's and golf carts should be able to be used on corp. land and as well as in lake areas approved now for golf carts—UTV's are not 4-wheelers-so should be included as golf carts (UTV,ex: Rhino, Polaris Ranger, Mule).

Lake Texoma is supposed to be a recreational lake, but recently the corp. and sheriff's dept. have been driving people away.

I have owned property since 1980, a UTV since 2003 and have had access to corp. land and in neighborhood, enjoying the beach, taking my God kid kids to be beach, and other older relatives, etc. I am told the my UTV as well as my God sons Polaris, that he just bought last year, no longer is usable and cannot be driven on corp./road etc. I, as a homeowner, come regularly, but my Godson and his family have opted out on several occasions—not spending money in Marshall County, as they are devastated as they invested money for the UTV and cannot use it.

Property owners who back up to corp. land have more invested in the land and pay more in taxes. More problems dealing with rising waters, picking up debris, fishing hooks, cans, boat debris---where is the corp. then. If citizens are not allowed to drive on corp. land with UTV's are they going to implement a plan to take care of such situations? Homeowners backing up to the corp. should have beach access by use of UTV's. Most would be willing to pay a reasonable fee for beach access permit—would give revenue to corp. and resolve the issue. People allowed coming by boat to enjoy beach—why not property owners by UTV who pay taxes?

*Not to
drive on
beach—just
drive to
beach &
park!*

FOIA Exemption 6



Col. TEAGUE

I have been going to Lake Texoma since the latter 1990's. A friend of mine later inherited a house that backed up to the corps. land. After that we would go almost every week-end starting in the spring. Sometimes there would be over 20 people spending the night. We were all teachers and it was good, clean, wholesome fun. A neat place to bring the kids and spend some family time together.

We would go out on the lake to swim, fish, ski, or just leisurely boat and always eat. Our kids grew up together on that lake. After the lake we would come back to shore to cook out, play net games, or ride UTV's. There were many trails and we would take off and be gone investigating the woods, the shore line, the wild life. It was a great experience for us to share with our children.

Our kids are grown and now bring their kids. Unfortunately they cannot share the same good times that we had.

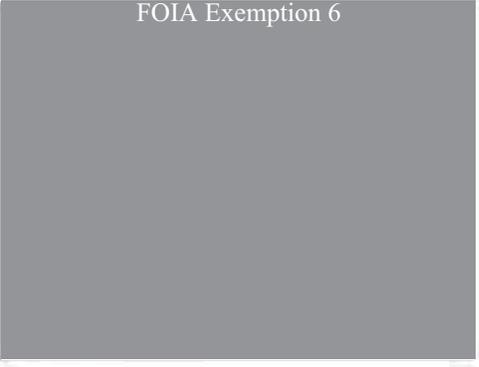
I do realize that some of the riders go too fast and are reckless and probably are hard on the trails and shore. Isn't there a way to limit their recklessness without restricting all of us?

We always cleaned and picked up the woods and shore line as we went. This is something that the boaters are unable to do, but riders are. We contributed to keeping the environment safe. I have picked up many broken bottles, lures, hooks, that are dangerous while riding along in an UTV or golf cart.

Only recently has the use of UTVs and golf carts been banned on the Corp. land around the lake. This is very disappointing to the land owners and visitors, like

myself. I thought the lake was supposed to be a recreational lake as well as a flood lake. Why the change after 20 years?

FOIA Exemption 6



January 22, 2011

FOIA Exemption 6

Dear [FOIA Exemption 6]

Per our phone conversation on Friday, January 21, 2011, please find enclosed our input regarding suggestions for Corps management of lands at Lake Texoma.

We have a particular invested interest in Lake Texoma as we have our lake home at [FOIA Exemption 6] and have owned this property since 1986. When we bought this property, there were no signs limiting what type of access you could use to get to lake nor was there any mention of limits of vehicle use along shoreline. We have always been mindful of preserving the beaches and shoreline; but we have noticed that in the last 10 years there has been a huge influx of tourists and non-property owners visiting this area.

We feel it is important that we have tourism and visitors to Lake Texoma; however, at the same time it is also crucial to allow those of us who have a full-time year-after-year commitment to the area the benefits of enjoying it. We feel a "visitor" should follow the same rules as are implemented for preservation of lake as those of us who help maintain it. A concentrated and consistent effort should be put forth to stop the careless disregard for the area particularly along the sandy beaches and the islands - mainly caused by the influx during the summer months of the "visitor".

We look forward to working with the Corps in whatever manner we could be of assistance. Please keep us informed either by e-mail: [FOIA Exemption 6] or [FOIA Exemption 6] or the listed address and phone numbers.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

[FOIA Exemption 6]

FOIA Exemption 6

Attachment

**Cc: U.S. Representative Tom Cole
State Senator Frank Simpson
State Senator Josh Brecheen
State Senator Susan Paddack
State Representative Todd Thomsen**

SUGGESTIONS FOR CORPS MANAGEMENT OF LANDS AT LAKE TEXOMA - Submitted by

FOIA Exemption 6

FOIA Exemption 6

We have been property owners at Lake Texoma since 1986. We bought so we could relax and enjoy the area. One of the things that attracted us was the Corps buffer zone. We had lived near Grand Lake and it was impossible to get to the water and enjoy the features because property owners tended to restrict access through their property.

With that said, we offer the following as recommendations on rules and regulations that govern the Corps land on Lake Texoma:

1. Provide proper documentation, i.e. maps, written, etc., for authorized and unauthorized areas of shoreline of lake. Roads and parking areas need to be specifically defined so residents and visitors alike know the rules. Both residents and visitors need to be informed of these rules and regulations.
2. When the Corps has determined authorized and unauthorized areas of shorelines, then it is imperative it be enforced fairly and consistently. Without proper enforcement, any rules or regulations will not be effective. Most of the residents of our area feel that, at the present time, the elderly and people who own property there are being the target of the warnings and fines while those who come into the area and do the most damage are never being punished.

It should be the responsibility of the enforcements agencies, whether it be the Corps or sheriff's deputies, to patrol and fine those whose behavior is causing these problems. Most people know that beginning with Spring Break and then particularly Memorial Day thru Labor Day we can expect an excessive amount of extra people at the Lake. Enforcement personnel should be

stationed near the greatest problem areas, i.e. Oakview, Taylor's Island View, Beachview, Sandy Beach, Sanders Island View. Perhaps an auxiliary unit of concerned property owners or citizens, such as Coast Guard Auxiliary unit provides on the water, could be utilized for assistance along shorelines.

When a person calls to provide information regarding disruptive behavior, a prompt response should be provided by either Corps or deputies. If a photo or tag information can be supplied, this should be followed up by the authorities.

3. Provide guidelines as to proper documentation required for handicapped/disabled permits and how to obtain permit.
4. Provide guidelines for volunteer services such as trash removal from shorelines and what documentation is required.
5. Special permits to groups and/or individuals to lease or block access to the lake should be very carefully controlled by the Corps. Privatizing the lake to any further extent will only lead to further inability for citizens to access it for proper enjoyment.

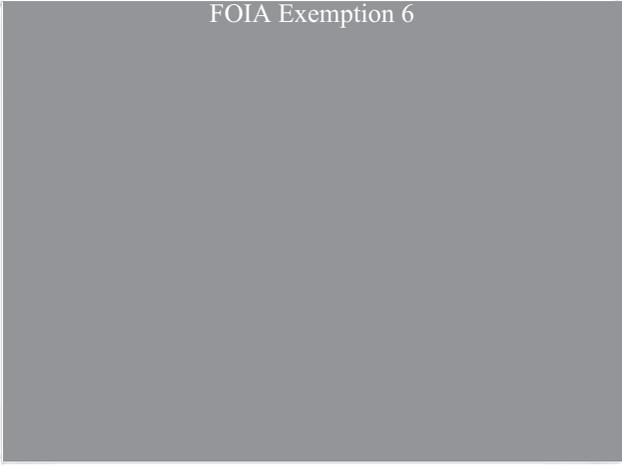
We would hope the Corps would give serious and earnest consideration to our suggestions. We, as many others, have invested our time and money into our property along Lake Texoma. It is "our lake". We certainly wish to maintain it's beauty and history along with recreational activities.

Respectfully submitted

FOIA Exemption 6

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Cc: U.S. Representative Tom Cole
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Col. And Sirs

My name is [FOIA] I live in [FOIA Exemption] on the Texas side. I don't have a teleprompter like some one we all know so i am going to have to read this to you. We understand your concern about damage being done to corp. property by vehicles tearing up the ground and making trails. Keep in mind that it is not golf carts for the most part doing this. A golf cart doesn't have the power to tear anything up. Other wise it would not be used on the White House lawn and on Multi Million dollar Golf courses. If Golf carts have turf friendly tires not aggressive treads why can't they access the shoreline. They won't hurt anything. The Gas powered 4 wheel drive vehicles with their off road tires are another matter. They might be dealt with differently, don't lump the Golf Carts in with them as they aren't even close to being alike in the kind of damage they can cause. We hear that their has been some talk by the corp. about a permit system. This may not be a bad idea with different permit requirements for different classes of vehicles. You could specify in the Permit application for Golf carts they had to have turf friendly tires no paddles or cleat type treads. Setting an age standard to operate a off road vehicle or golf cart might help some. Also requiring each vehicle to carry insurance to cover any damages that they might cause while on corp. property may be appropriate. In our case we constructed a 1 lane road with no digging or damaging of corp. property to get to and from the shoreline. We did this to keep people from driving all over corp. property to get there. It was working until your present project manager banned Golf carts.

. Preston Shores population is probably 60 to 70 percent older people. With age comes medical problems. Many brought golf carts to help them get around, visit friends and just get outdoors, going to the water was one of the uses they enjoyed year round. In Texas in the summer with our 100 + degree days walking a ½ mile in the heat is more than most can handle. Because they are physically unable to get to the shoreline with out riding in or driving a Golf cart they are deprived of joining friends or family at the waters edge. The corp. doesn't provide a way for them to get there even though we built a road they could and did use until your present project manager banned golf carts. Healthy people can make the walk. The physically challenged can only watch from afar. One of your Rangers told me if you owned a boat and could operate it you could go legally by water get out and do what you wanted to on the shoreline. But God forbid if you didn't have or couldn't afford a boat you are left standing on the hill high and dry, more discrimination?. Wasn't it to prevent things like this the reason the American with Disabilities Act was passed? This seems to me as Government approved discrimination by letting some people use the shoreline (boaters) and walkers and others not. The road we built for Golf Carts while not a highway was safe and usable. "All" people could get to the shoreline. As I said earlier we maintained the road and the stretch of shoreline as good or better than the you and did it at no cost to the corp., until your cart ban last year when we had to stop. Tax dollars built Texoma your job as I understand it is to manage it so Tax Payers can enjoy what their taxes brought. I don't think standing at the top of the Hill watching everyone else have fun is how congress meant the lake to be used. Before we took over that stretch of shoreline and cleaned it up broken beer bottles, Beer cans, trash. Syringes, parties, camp fires, gun shots and fights were common. After every rain we still pick up broken

glass. This stretch of shoreline is also the last sandy shore where you can get to the water to swim on the entire Preston Point safely and easily since you closed off Island View. Even before you closed it off getting to the Island View shoreline was more than a mile walk. The rest of the shoreline to the end of the point is leased by churches, schools, clubs and gated private land and marinas.

When we had the floods the last few years we rented big dumpsters and cleaned the shoreline and some of your land in the woods by picking up things that had floated in at our cost. My 2nd idea for you to consider Why not let responsible groups, Groups being the key word not individuals, adopt a stretch of shore similar to what the state lets people do to stretches of Highway and maintain it with occasional visits from the corp. to see that the property is being taken care of, otherwise let the adoptees run it. This would give you more time and funds to put into the bigger problems you have around the lake. And cure your problem of lake access for the elderly in our area. We ask you to come see what we have done. Show us where we have killed grass and tore up the shoreline. We care about it as much if not than you do. After 20 plus years of using this small shore with golf carts carrying people back and forth come out and look at the grass and ground and show us where it's being torn up. The shore we take care off slopes off gently into deeper water there are no drop offs so children and non swimmers are safer than on unknown shore lines. There is already access for walkers to get to the shoreline by going down the old corp. road. We just would like the corp. to approve golf cart access again like we have had for the last 20 plus years. On TV Wednesday night the corp. person interviewed said we were destroying the grass and damaging the shoreline. And that was the reason carts were banned. I ask you to come look at our shoreline the only damage to it and the grass is erosion by the waves, rain and high water not Golf carts. A last thought we never in over 20 years had this problem with any of the Rangers and project managers till this new crew came in last year from Hugo. I understand from information on the inter net that each corp. district is an entity unto it's self and how it's managed and what is allowed is up to the district commander. Thank you for listening.

To who it might concern

We understand the position you are in. Something has to be done on your end I know. To go a little further about the adopt a shoreline I touched on in my reading. Maybe you could start an Adopt a shoreline for all the lakes in your district. Instead of just the small stretch we use what if we adopted all of the shoreline from Windy Cove to the Highland Shores ramp. We would keep that stretch clean. Wouldn't it be better to have miles of untrashed shore on the lakes in your district if this took off? With the adopt a shoreline there would be no need for a lease if the adopters didn't keep up their end of the agreement they are out no access except by walking. Also they could help you control aggressive off road vehicles getting on the shoreline. We had a lot of practice doing that before we got the present stretchy of shoreline cleaned up. We had a scary moment or two during the cleaning process from lets say less than happy riders.

What is the corp. going to do to get the clubs and Marinas to not be able to drive to the shoreline. We just to the south of them can't take our carts to the water the Elks and Legion have carts, trucks and cars drive down to their beach and on the grass. That's ticks us off a little because they have the same grass and soil we do but they can drive on theirs. If it's because they have a lease what about us applying for one.

A permit system would also work for us but you would sure want to put an age limit in. Kids as young as 5 or 6 ride adult ATV's and drive golf carts out here now.

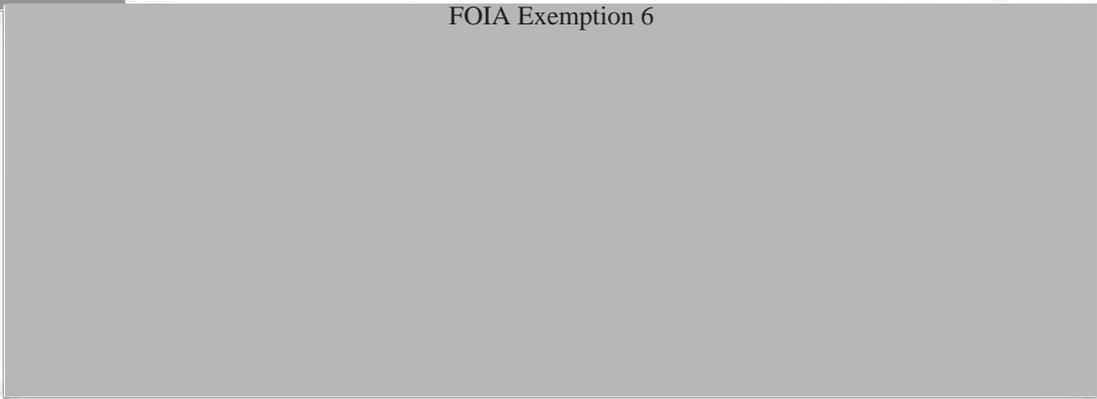
I think the reason you have so many little trails on corp. property is because there are no signs posted saying it's illegal to drive there. If there are some signs they sure aren't evident in our area.

Anyway the adopt program might could work in all districts if you have good results from trying it on Preston Point.

Thank you

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January 9, 2011

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Dear Colonel Tiegs,

RE: Golf Carts at Lake Texoma and problems on Corp land

I attended the Saturday meeting concerning golf carts and felt the meeting had very unsatisfactory results. The problems with rutting and crisscrossing of dirt roads on corp land has nothing to do with golf carts. If you look closely at the rutting, you will see it was done by large vehicles - 4 wheel drive pickups. I live directly next to the corp land and I assure you I am very aware of everything that goes on behind my house. Most Fri and Sat evenings after work the local young men meet to have their parties and go mudding. In the summer months the tourists arrive in their jeeps and trucks and love jumping and creating messes. As a retired homeowner in the area, I should be one of your best friends. We clean up the messes after they are gone and stop them when we can. We call the police but they can't do anything on corp land. We've called the corp but try getting someone on a Sat nite. A small number of young people and tourists are causing all the problem and you want the golf carters to pay the price for it.

Like most of my neighbors I respect my property and I respect the lake and corp land. I also respect the law. These young people now days do not respect anything. Don't punish us with unnecessary laws and restrictions because of these few.

Another problem is the cow lease behind my property. The gentleman who feeds the cows will cut across any field to get to those cows. When that road gets too muddy, he goes over to a dry area to get to the cows. This leaves tracks all over the place and in a couple of weeks, the mudders in their trucks have a new trail to race down. A cow lease makes no sense next to water that is used for public drinking. Dallas people would be shocked to realize the the corp leases land adjoining the lake for cow grazing. Maps show this area as public use area and I can personally assure you that those are some big, mean cows not to mention the bulls. I have had several very scary encounters. This is not a safe environment for a public use area.

There is a cattle guard at the corner of FOIA that is a highly used entrance for the cattle owner and ~~the~~ a large number of the mudders. I can't count the number of times I have seen a young man in his jacked up 4 wheel drive pulling out of that gate with his pickup covered in mud past the windows grinning ear to ear. Close that gate or at least narrow it to nothing wider than a golf cart. There shouldn't be any gates onto corp land that is wide enough to allow large vehicles. Golf carts are absolutely necessary for any lake access in our area due to the distance from the water and the average age of the retired community in the area. Please don't make the mistake the limiting golf cart usage in the area. It will only make the area dirtier and less accessible to the people who care for the lake. I used to go daily around in my golf cart and pick up trash. I now stay home because bad knees don't allow me to walk. The trash now stays and grows daily. This same gate is a major access point for anyone with a pickup load of trash to dump. The only time we have driven a pickup on corp land was to pick up the load of trash that someone else dumped. You are punishing the very people who have tried to help you.

I have used this lake for almost 60 years. I have never seen any one from the corp pick up trash. Thousands of times, I have seen or helped pick up the mess of tourists and partiers. I don't want you to think that only local boys do the mess because the tourists cant't wait to go crazy drinking and tearing up the shores. After a big summer weekend the local retired golf carters stay busy for days repairing the damage. Don't punish the wrong people!!

Another concern about corp property is the cedar trees. Someone needs to start cutting them down. They have taken over the property at the expense of all other trees and wild life. Even the Indians knew that forests must be maintained and cleared for the use of animals and people. Cedars have become so invasive and are a danger to the property in the event of fires. Entire neighborhoods could be destroyed not to

mention acres of corp land.

Please reconsider this golf cart issue. You are way off base on the problem. Please, please think this problem out much more carefully than it has been so far.

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