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CESWT-OD

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COMMANDER'S POLICY MEMORANDUM NO. 7

SUBJECT: Metal Detecting and Magnetic Fishing Prohibited on Pat Mayse Lake

1. Reference.

a. U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, Title 36, Part 327, "Rules and Regulations Governing Public Use of Water Resources Development Projects Administered by the Chief of Engineers."

2. Purpose. This Tulsa District (CESWT) Policy Memorandum is to prohibit all magnetic fishing and exploration on the land and waters owned by the United States and under the control and operation of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for purposes of the Pat Mayes Lake project.

3. Applicability. This Policy Memorandum applies to and will be enforced on the land owned by the United States in, around, and under Pat Mayse Lake.

4. History. Pat Mayse Lake was placed in full flood control operations in 1967 in Lamar County near Paris, Texas. Prior to the impoundment of Pat Mayse Lake, this area was the site of the former Army training Camp Maxey. Following the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1940, the U.S. Army began construction of the infantry and artillery training camp. Camp Maxey was used by military personnel for live fire training with a variety of different weapons including pistols, rifles, machine guns, mortars, bazookas, grenades, and more. With this type of activity, it is not uncommon for live rounds, containing explosives or incendiary content, to be present. Unexploded ordnance can become unstable over time and presents a hazard if disturbed. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Southwestern Division, Regional Planning and Environmental Center (RPEC) has worked to find and remove these unexploded ordnances, however there is a high probability that unexploded ordnance remains in the area, including in and around the Lake.

5. Policy.

a. Based on the history of the site and the high probability that there is unexploded ordnance in and around the Pat Mayse Lake, the use of metal detecting and magnetic fishing methods on the Pat Mayse Lake presents a life/safety hazard to not only the people performing those activities, but those in the immediate area of these activities.

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Based on this risk, metal detecting, excavating areas identified with metallic anomalies, and magnetic fishing on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers controlled property in and around Pat Mayse Lake is prohibited.

b. Appropriate signage educating the visiting public about this policy and the three Rs of Explosives Safety (Recognize, Retreat, Report) should be posted at appropriate public access points.

6. This Policy Memorandum shall remain in effect until rescinded.

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Commanding