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West Point Lake project office closes boat ramp, some campsites due to high water

Mobile, Ala. – Because of significant rainfall, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at West Point Lake has closed some boat ramps and campsites due to high water. Northern Georgia received nearly one foot of rain over the last three days causing the lake and downstream rivers to rise.

The reservoir level at West Point is expected to crest near 638 msl over the next few days. Water releases from the West Point Dam will be increased over the next 24 hours but is not expected to cause flooding. The Corps continues to monitor the situation and will make necessary changes to water releases to ensure minimal impacts both upstream and downstream.

When the lake levels are high, boating safety is a serious concern. Significant amounts of debris are presently submerged or floating in the lake which causes serious hazards to boaters. Boaters are urged to use extreme caution while operating their boat on the lake.

Some recreation areas are currently feeling the effects of high waters, particularly R. Shaefer Heard campground. Portions of campgrounds, day use areas and some small boat ramps are closed.

More information is available at <http://water.sam.usace.army.mil/> or by calling the Operations Manager's Office West Point Lake at 706-645-2937.