



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20314-1000

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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDERS, MAJOR SUPPORT COMMANDS AND  
DISTRICT COMMANDS

SUBJECT: National Recreation and Park Association's 40th Annual Congress & Exposition  
18 - 22 October 2005

1. The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) will be conducting its 40th Annual Congress and Exposition 18 - 22 October 2005, in San Antonio, Texas. NRPA and the National Society for Park Resources (NSPR), one of the Branches of NRPA, are the professional organizations that represent the vast majority of those U.S. Army Corps of Engineers team members in the Natural Resources and Park Management Communities of Practice.
2. The annual NRPA Congress and Exposition affords Corps professionals the opportunity to attend a plethora of excellent training sessions including on-site institutes. It also offers a vast array of exhibitors displaying the latest developments and products in the park, recreation, and natural resources management fields. Many new innovations have been unveiled at NRPA Congress and Expositions in the past. Most importantly, the NRPA Congress and Exposition provides an opportunity for professionals to interact and exchange ideas and problem solve with others in the field.
3. I strongly encourage Corps team members in the Natural Resources Management and Park and Recreation Communities of Practice to become actively involved in the NRPA and attend the annual NRPA Congress and Exposition. Many Corps team members have, over the years, served in leadership roles on the NSPR Board of Directors and have benefited from the experience.
4. As the Corps is the leading provider of recreation services to the American public, I am extremely proud of the work the Corps does in the park, recreation, and natural resources management fields. I encourage you to help maintain our leadership role by becoming actively involved in NRPA, NSPR, and by attending the training opportunities sponsored by these excellent professional organizations.
5. Information on NRPA, NSPR and the 2005 NRPA Congress and Exposition can be obtained by visiting <http://www.nrpa.org/>.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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Chief of Operations  
Directorate of Civil Works

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