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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDERS, MAJOR SUBORDINANT COMMANDS; CHIEFS, OPERATIONS DIVISIONS

SUBJECT: Recreation Use Fee Discount Policy

1. This memorandum establishes agency policy regarding discounts on recreation use fees charged at U.S. Army Corps of Engineers managed recreation areas for persons who are 62 years of age or older and for persons who have a permanent disability. These discounts have been offered in the past as part of the Golden Passport Program, which was administered by the Department of Interior, National Park Service, and in which the Corps participated. The Golden Passport Program was discontinued with the passage of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act of 2004. Implementation of this Act is expected to occur in January 2007. At that time, Golden Passports will no longer be issued, although all Golden Passports previously issued will remain valid until the death of the bearer.

2. The Corps will continue to offer the same discounts previously offered to bearers of the Golden Age Passport and the Golden Access Passport, with no interruption of benefits. The policy is as follows:

a) A discount of 50 percent of the established recreation use fee will be provided to visitors who are 62 years of age or older and who provide proof of age. A Golden Age Passport, previously issued under the Golden Passport Program, will be accepted as proof of age, as will a current driver's license, or other legally issued document that displays the visitor's age or date of birth.

b) A discount of 50 percent of the established recreation use fee will be provided to visitors who are permanently disabled and who show proof of disability. A Golden Access Passport, previously issued under the Golden Passport Program, will be accepted as proof of disability, as will any other legally issued document that indicates the visitor has a permanent disability.

3. This policy is effective as of 1 January 2007. It will be incorporated into ER 1130-2-550, Chapter 9, and EP 1130-2-550, Chapter 9, when the documents are updated next.

4. The CECW-CO Point of Contact for the recreation use fee program is Ms. Judith Rice, (202) 761-5541.

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