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POSSUM KINGDOM LAKE RANGERS TO SET UP FIREWORKS DISPLAY SAFETY ZONES

WACO, Texas (June 22, 2011) – – Possum Kingdom lake rangers are taking steps to help boaters stay safe as they celebrate our nation's birthday and enjoy the annual Hell's Gate fireworks show on July 2.

Rangers will place buoy markers in the south entrance to the Hell's Gate area to establish a safety zone as requested by the fireworks promoter. These buoys are to protect the public during the display.

At 7 p.m. on July 2, the southern entrance into Hell's Gate will be closed and rangers will direct traffic around Devil's Island. Boaters will be able to enter and exit through the north entrance. Boaters should not moor within the marked off area. Mooring or attaching to these buoys is not allowed and citations will be issued. An aerial view of buoy marker locations is attached to this release. For more information, contact 888-922-6272.

About the Brazos River Authority

The Brazos River Authority, with headquarters in Waco, is the oldest river authority in Texas. Created by the Texas Legislature in 1929, the Authority's 42,000 square-mile territory includes all or part of 70 counties; extending from the Texas-New Mexico border west of Lubbock to the Gulf of Mexico near Freeport.

The Authority built, owns, and operates three reservoirs (Lakes Possum Kingdom, Granbury, and Limestone). In addition to these water supply reservoirs, the Authority contracts with the Corps of Engineers for the water supply storage space at eight Federal multi-purpose flood control and water conservation reservoirs (Lakes Whitney, Belton, Proctor, Somerville, Stillhouse Hollow, Granger, Georgetown and Aquilla).

The Brazos River Authority owns and operates a regional wastewater system for the cities of Temple-Belton. The Authority also operates wastewater treatment plants for Brushy Creek Regional Wastewater System in Round Rock, and the cities of Hutto, Georgetown, Dime Box, Clute-Richwood and Sugar Land.

The Authority owns and operates water treatment systems at Lake Granbury (which supplies potable water to wholesale customers in Hood and Johnson Counties), the City of Taylor and the City of Dime Box. A potable water treatment plant located in Leander is owned jointly by the Lower Colorado River Authority and the Brazos River Authority. The Authority also engages in water quality monitoring activities throughout the Brazos River Basin.

For further information on the Brazos River Authority, please contact Judi Pierce, Public Information Officer at 254-761-3103.