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LAKE GRANBURY PUBLIC BOAT RAMPS REOPEN TO THE PUBLIC

July 13, 2007 -- Waco, Texas – This afternoon the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Brazos River Authority and officials with the City of Granbury and Hood County reopened all public access boat ramps at Lake Granbury, Friday, July 13 at 1 p.m.

Boaters and swimmers are cautioned to remain alert for debris in the water. “We can’t stress strongly enough that conditions on both the lakes and river is hazardous due to large amounts of both submerged and visible debris” said Mike Cox, chief lake ranger at Possum Kingdom Lake. “In addition, strong currents created by increased stream flow and releases from local dams can create conditions where even experienced boaters or swimmers find themselves in trouble.”

The Brazos River Authority recommends boaters and swimmers avoid the lakes and river until strong currents and debris have subsided. If you choose to venture out, do not do so without a lifejacket.

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.