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**TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE CLOSES ACCESS TO LAKE GRANBURY**

July 2, 2007 – Waco, TX -- The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Brazos River Authority and officials with the City of Granbury and Hood County have closed all public access boat ramps at Lake Granbury through July 4. This closure results from heavy rains in the area over the past few days.

Recreational boating access for the public is a priority for all agencies; however, extremely hazardous conditions – including hazardous debris from recent floods – exist on the lake. Parks and facilities on the lake for day use and overnight camping remain open, but all public boat ramps are closed. Officials regret any inconvenience to the public.

After July 4, the public may call the Brazos River Authority, (817) 573-1407 for updates on the status of Lake Granbury boat ramp closures.

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***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.