



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
FORT WORTH DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

October 11, 2002

Planning, Environmental and Regulatory Division

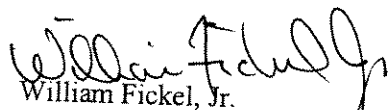
Mr. Robert Spain
Resource Protection Division
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
4200 Smith School Road
Austin, Texas 78744

Dear Mr. Spain:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, has reviewed the status of ongoing studies on the Clear and West Forks of the Upper Trinity River basin adjacent to downtown Fort Worth, Texas. It has been determined that evaluations of potential modifications to the existing Fort Worth Floodway should be continued, primarily to investigate the opportunity to restore flood damage reduction efficiency associated with the project when it was first constructed. Existing authorities will also be used to investigate ecosystem restoration and recreational development within the study area. There is a potential for significant impacts to occur to the human environment should a structural modification to the Fort Worth Floodway be implemented and therefore we have determined that preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is necessary.

A Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare a draft Environmental Impact Statement will be published in the Federal Register on October 16, 2002. The NOI announces that a scoping meeting will be held on October 29, 2002. The enclosed Public Notice provides details on time, location, and how the scoping meeting will be conducted. Your agency's input into the scoping process is important and we hope that you will participate. Written comments will also be accepted through December 13, 2002. For more information, please contact Ms. Marcia Hackett at 817-886-1787.

Sincerely,


William Fickel, Jr.
Chief, Planning, Environmental
and Regulatory Division

Enclosure