



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
ROCK ISLAND DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
CLOCK TOWER BUILDING - P.O. BOX 2004
ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS 61204-2004

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Planning, Programs, and
Project Management Division

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The Rock Island District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) has enclosed for your review a copy of the Environmental Assessment (EA) and draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) addressing the Proposed Lease at Coralville Lake, Johnson County, Iowa.

The Corps has evaluated the impacts of a proposed level of use and development by a nonprofit organization, as represented by the Muslim Youth Camps of America (MYCA) lease application, for the use of Corps property. This 106-acre site is located adjacent to Coralville Lake, about 2 miles northeast of North Liberty, Iowa.

The proposed site was formerly leased to the Mississippi Valley Girl Scout Council for camping purposes until 1990 (Camp Daybreak). A total of four alternatives were examined:

- a. Alternative 1 - Leasing the former Camp Daybreak area for group recreational use and development by a nonprofit organization, at a level of use represented by the MYCA lease application;
- b. Alternative 2 - Leasing the former Camp Daybreak area for group recreational use and development by a nonprofit organization at a reduced level of development;
- c. Alternative 3 - Low density recreational day use of the former Camp Daybreak area, under administration and development by the Corps of Engineers (no lease); and,
- d. Alternative 4 - No action; no plans for development or lease.

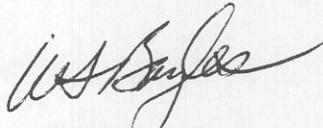
Alternative 1, leasing the former Camp Daybreak area for group recreational use and development by a nonprofit organization, at a level of use represented by the MYCA lease application, is recommended as the preferred alternative. This alternative was selected because it is consistent with the project purpose and need, is consistent with the Corps Master Plan for Coralville Lake and designated land use of the site, provides the most recreational benefits to the greatest number of users, and does not result in any significant impacts to the environment.

The EA is being circulated for a 45-day public review period, commencing from the date of this letter. If, at the end of the 45 days, no comments are received that alter the determination that no significant environmental impact will result, the FONSI will be signed and kept on file at the Rock Island District office.

Questions concerning the EA and FONSI may be addressed to Ms. Karen Hagerty of our Economic and Environmental Analysis Branch, telephone 309/794-5286. More information can also be found on our web site, <http://www.mvr.usace.army.mil/Daybreak/index.htm>.

All comments on the EA and draft FONSI must be submitted in writing to our address above, ATTN: Planning, Programs, and Project Management Division (Karen Hagerty) or via email. If responding by email, please refer to the above web site for instructions. All comments should contain the complete name, address, and telephone number for the official record and to facilitate response to comments, where necessary.

Sincerely,



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District Engineer

Enclosure