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 Subject: Proposed Lease at Former Camp Daybreak Site

In reference to the proposed leasing of the area in question, I have the following concerns:

1 - One of my concerns in the above area stems from the fact that although the Corps. leases or administers land, they do not have the staffing to properly oversee use of those lands. A case in point is the area across the street from residences on Scales Bend Road near the Twin Lakes View Road where our son and family now live. There were many problems because of lack of parking for the area, and the total lack of personnel to oversee use of the area by many unsupervised young people. On more than one occasion, cars were parked along the road in such a manner that it would have been difficult for emergency vehicles to get thru. The road was reduced to one lane of traffic - most of which were coming up from the Jolly Roger Campground, and towing boats, etc. If an emergency vehicle had needed to get thru - it would have met a lengthy delay. The use of the area causes a danger as well as a nuisance - with instances where damage was done to area homes and vehicles, and a resident actually was assaulted. The burden for illegal parking on Scales Bend Road and neighboring streets was born by North Liberty and Johnson County. The vehicle and property damage by the area residents.

3-1 I grew up in Massachusetts, not far from an area that had a similar situation. One concern that I have pertains to CULTURAL differences. I have traveled fairly widely, and observed that not all cultures have the same attitude towards use of pulic lands - which I saw first hand in Massachusetts. A campground was leased to a cultural group that had a great many members who had only recently emigrated to the United States. The officers and those who administered the area we also recent emigres. The problem was chiefly that their standards of keeping the grounds clean and nicely landscaped were definitely not anywhere near the standard for the area, so that lead to much disagreement between the group and its neighbors. Since the group wishing to lease the Camp Daybreak area will also have many who have not been in the USA for any great length of time - or who have lived in the USA and are accustomed to the "accepted standards" it is a concern of mine that similar problems will develop. (Since the Corps has not been able to properly "police" the small area on Scales Bend Road - how will they do so for Camp Daybreak?)

3-1 Our son and family and residents of the area depend on wells for their drinking water. At least two times in the past year the wells have had to be closed due to e coli problems. I have great concerns because of our new granddaughter and the drinking water. Will there be sufficient policing of the area to make sure the users are in compliance for bathroom facilities?

I do not feel that the area in question should be leased to ANYONE unless there is enough money to provide proper administration and oversight.

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