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Corps of Engineers hosts public meeting for Kissimmee River dredging along C-37 Canal

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District will host a public meeting to describe plans for C-37 Canal dredging as part of the Kissimmee River Restoration Project.

To provide information about the dredging project, a public meeting is set for 6 p.m., Nov. 19 at Camp Mack's River Resort, 14900 Camp Mack Road, Lake Wales, Fla 33898. Corps of Engineers and South Florida Water Management District staff will talk about the project on a one-on-basis during an informal open house from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. At 7 p.m., a presentation will also provide details about the project and how it will affect boaters. Public comments are welcome.

A component of Kissimmee River Restoration, the C-37 dredging project will help maintain flood reduction and improve boaters' access to the fish camps in two oxbows adjacent to the canal. However, while underway, the presence of the dredge and silt barriers will limit boat traffic along the canal.

Work will include dredging about one-million cubic yards of material from the C-37 canal between lakes Hatchineha and Kissimmee over the course of 12 to 24 months. As a result, operations will occasionally limit navigation up to 10-12 hours a day, seven days a week to help ensure safety and an expedited work schedule. The Corps and SFWMD recognize that several fish camps are located off the main C-37 stretch and routinely use the canal.

The enlargement of C-37, from a 70-foot bottom width to a 90-foot bottom width, will help maintain the existing level of flood reduction for the Headwaters Chain of Lakes as authorized in the Water Resources Development Act of 1992.

Comments about the C-37 dredging project may be sent to Project Manager Tiphonie Jinks at Tiphonie.C.Jinks@usace.army.mil or to: Everglades Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, 701 San Marco Blvd., Jacksonville, Fla. 32207. For information about Kissimmee River restoration, please visit www.saj.usace.army.mil or call Jinks at (904) 232-1548.

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