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**LOUISVILLE DISTRICT
LONG-TERM CAMPING POLICY**

1. Definition. Long-term camping allows campers to remain in a campground longer than 14 days during any 30-consecutive-day period as restricted in CFR 36 Chapter 327.7(b).
2. Purpose. The purpose of this policy is to provide a clear process and methodology to authorize implementation of a long-term camping program at in the Louisville District; to sustain and improve Corps of Engineers recreation area operations; and to actively address and resolve management problems associated with unauthorized and/or long-term camping. The intent of this policy is to provide economically and fiscally feasible options to operate campgrounds, while providing a service that is in public demand and compatible with natural resource management standards.
3. References.
 - a. 16 USC 460d
 - b. 36 CFR Part 327
4. Louisville District Long-term Camping Policy.
 - a. Notification of Long-term Camping- The Park Manager must notify the Operations Manager and Operations Division staff of his/her intention to participate in the Long-term Camping Program (LTCP). This policy will be implemented in a 2-year trial period, beginning 01 January 2021.
 - b. Dates – Because of the variety of opening/closing dates of Louisville District campgrounds, no specific dates for this program will be identified in this document.
 - c. Number of Long-term Camping Sites –The number of authorized long-term camping sites shall be limited to not more than 20% of the total number of campsites available for public camping at the project. This percentage will be periodically re-evaluated by the Park Manager, and may vary based on a variety of factors, including resource protection, economic viability, and customer demand. Long-term camping

sites should be grouped in a designated loop, if practical, but may be spread sporadically throughout the campground if it is not practical to group them. If a designated site experiences negative impacts from over-use, it shall be rotated out of the long-term camping program. Prime camping sites shall not be included in the long-term camping program.

d. Selection of Customers Eligible to Participate in the Long-term Camping Program – Sites will be available for reservation through the reservation web page on a first-come, first-served basis, which will provide equal opportunity to all customers. Customers may reserve the campsite for a maximum 90-day period. Any refunds will be made using standard procedures.

e. Duration of Annual Long-term Camping Stay – Long-term camping shall be permitted during the designated operating season of each campground. Long-term camping patrons may use designated long-term camping sites for a period of no longer than 90 days each year at each lake. A minimum length of stay may be established by the Park Manager based on project need, customer demand, and other relevant considerations. All campers and other personal property must be removed from the campsite immediately following the rental period. All personal property left on site in violation of these timeframes shall be impounded and removed in accordance with Title 36 CFR. Any sites included in the LTCP which are not rented may be removed from the program (temporarily or permanently) and rented according to local policy.

f. Daily rate of long-term campsites – The daily rate charged for a long-term campsite should be comparable to the rate charged for a similar transient site. The America the Beautiful, Golden Age, Golden Access, or similar discounts will be applied to the daily rate of a long-term campsite if applicable.

g. Appearance of Permanent Residency – The placement or construction of temporary or permanent structures, appurtenance, or housekeeping activities that give the appearance of permanent habitation is prohibited. In the event of a dispute on this matter, the decision of the Park Manager shall be final. Prohibited items or practices include, but are not limited to, mailboxes, decks, porches, storage buildings, gardens, flower beds, permanent clothes lines, garage canopies, landscaping, the placing of skirts around trailers, tie-downs, and the removal of wheels, etc. Camping units shall at all times have wheels with serviceable tires attached and shall comply with any state, regional, or local license/ registration requirements. The blocking of wheels is authorized to provide stability. Pens for authorized animals may be permitted at the discretion of the Park Manager, but all feces must be removed on a daily basis. The Park Manager may direct relocation or removal of an animal pen at his/her discretion.

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h. Only one recreational vehicle (RV) is permitted at each long-term campsite. The RV/camping unit must be suitable for extended-stay camping; no tents or vans are permitted. No screen tents will be allowed off of the gravel/hard surface camping pad. Guests and visitors are permitted according to campground rules. Guest vehicles (including RV's) must be parked in the campground's parking areas in accordance with campground rules. Visitors staying under the LTCP must comply with all campground rules, regulations, policies, and procedures. No campsite may be "subletted" or otherwise rented to any other individual.

i. Remaining transient campsites shall be available for reservation through the reservation web site or by walk-in reservation. At the manager's discretion, a camper who has reserved a campsite may be authorized an extension to remain on that site for up to 28 days, subject to local policy. This extension may not be granted over a holiday weekend and is subject to campsite availability. Approval of a request for an extension is subject to the Park Manager's discretion and may be denied if it is in the best interests of project operation. Participation in the long-term camping program shall not affect customers' reservation of transient sites in accordance with relevant policies and/or regulations.

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