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Ribbon cutting ceremony for new Tioga, Hammond and Cowanesque Lakes' Visitor Information Center

Baltimore – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will hold a special ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of the new Tioga, Hammond and Cowanesque Lakes' Ranger Station and Visitor Information Center, at Ives Run, Hammond Lake, Pa., Friday, Aug. 9, at 11:30 a.m.

Scheduled speakers include Congressman John Peterson, Pa., and Col. Charles J. Fiala, Jr., commander of the Baltimore District.

"I'm proud that we now have a facility that will make these recreational areas easier to enjoy and more user friendly for the public," said Fiala. "And our rangers, who work so hard to maintain these areas, keeping them safe, clean, and enjoyable places to visit, now have a place to work that is up to the standard that they deserve."

The new facility is part of the newly approved Master Plan, a document to help the Corps in its responsibilities to preserve, conserve, restore, maintain, manage and develop the projects' lands, waters, and associated resources. The update reflects changes at the lakes, in the region, in recreational trends and in Corps policy. The plan is a blueprint for the future of the three lakes, combining environmental and recreational needs. It calls for an addition of two new recreational facilities, new facilities at the existing areas and nine natural resource management enhancement activities.

Following the ceremony, refreshments will be served and tours of the building will be available. The public is invited to attend this free event. Point of contact for the ceremony is Pep Persio, available at (570) 835-5281. For more information about the facility or the Master Plan, call Marshall Hudson at (410) 962-7536.

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