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FORT WORTH DISTRICT  
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Under authority granted by Congress in the Flood Control Act approved 24 July 1946, a master plan is being prepared for reservoir development and management at

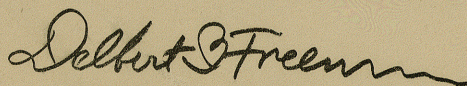
SAN ANGELO DAM AND RESERVOIR  
NORTH CONCHO RIVER IN TOM GREEN COUNTY, TEXAS

General features of the proposed plan for a reservoir development and management program for San Angelo Reservoir have been formulated. Information relative to this proposed plan is shown in the attached pamphlet, entitled "San Angelo Dam and Reservoir, North Concho River in Tom Green County, Texas, General Information, Proposed Reservoir Development and Management Program," dated November 1951.

In order that interested persons may be informed concerning the proposed plan and may have an opportunity to express their views frankly, fully, and publicly, a PUBLIC HEARING will be held by the District Engineer, Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, on 27 November 1951, in the San Angelo College Auditorium, Main Building, San Angelo, Texas, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

All interested persons are invited to be present or represented at the hearing. Persons interested in the development of the project for recreational purposes for the general public are urged to attend. Information is especially desired as to the extent that Federal, State, or local governmental agencies desire to participate in the development and financing of public park and recreational facilities and in the maintenance, management, and operation of these facilities as provided in Section 4 of the 1946 Flood Control Act, a copy of which is attached. Information is also desired as to the extent that State or local governmental agencies will furnish and maintain adequate access roads to areas proposed for recreational development on Government-owned lands.

Oral statements will be heard, but for accuracy of record, all important facts and arguments should be submitted in writing in SEXTUPLICATE, as the record of the hearing will be submitted to the Chief of Engineers with the aforementioned report. Written statements may be handed to the undersigned at the hearing or mailed to him beforehand.



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District Engineer

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1. Cy Sec 4, Flood  
Control Act of  
24 Jul 46  
2. Information Pamphlet

(Public Law 526--79th Congress)  
(Chapter 596--2d Session)  
(H. P. 6597)

AN ACT

Authorizing the construction of certain public works on rivers and harbors for flood control, and for other purposes.

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SEC. 4. That section 4 of the Act approved December 22, 1944 (Public, Numbered 534, Seventy-eight Congress), is amended to read as follows:

"The Chief of Engineers, under the supervision of the Secretary of War, is authorized to construct, maintain, and operate public park and recreational facilities in reservoir areas under the control of the War Department, and to permit the construction, maintenance, and operation of such facilities. The Secretary of War is authorized to grant leases of lands, including structures or facilities thereon, in reservoir areas for such periods and upon such terms as he may deem reasonable: Provided, That leases to nonprofit organizations may be granted at reduced or nominal rentals in recognition of the public service to be rendered in utilizing the leased premises: Provided further, That preference shall be given to Federal, State, or local governmental agencies, and licenses may be granted without monetary considerations, to such agencies for the use of all or any portion of a reservoir area, when the Secretary of War determines such action to be in the public interest, and for such periods of time and upon such conditions as he may find advisable. The water areas of all such reservoirs shall be open to public use generally, without charge, for boating, swimming, bathing, fishing, and other recreational purposes, and ready access to and exit from such water areas along the shores of such reservoirs shall be maintained for general public use, when such use is determined by the Secretary of War not to be contrary to the public interest, all under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of War may deem necessary. No use of any area to which this section applies shall be permitted which is inconsistent with the laws for the protection of fish and game of the State in which such area is situated. All moneys received for leases or privileges shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States as miscellaneous receipts."

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Approved July 24, 1946

SAN ANGELO DAM AND RESERVOIR  
NORTH CONCHO RIVER IN TOM GREEN COUNTY, TEXAS

GENERAL INFORMATION  
PROPOSED RESERVOIR DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM  
(To Accompany Notice of Public Hearing Dated 1 November 1951)

Fort Worth District  
Corps of Engineers  
Fort Worth, Texas  
November 1951

## GENERAL

San Angelo Dam and Reservoir is located on the North Concho River. The dam is approximately 2.3 river miles northeast of San Angelo in the central portion of Tom Green County, Texas. U. S. Highways 67, 87, and 277 and State Highways 70 and 208 pass through the city of San Angelo. These highways afford the principal means of access to the reservoir area from points within the surrounding territory. U. S. Highway 87 extending north from San Angelo lies north of the reservoir area. Arden road extending west from San Angelo lies about 2 miles south of the reservoir area. The project is being constructed by the Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, and is substantially complete.

The San Angelo Reservoir project was authorized for its primary purpose of flood control under provisions of the Flood Control Acts approved 18 August 1941 (Public Law 228, Seventy-seventh Congress, 1st Session) and 22 December 1944 (Public Law 534, Seventy-eighth Congress, 2nd Session). In addition to the Acts authorizing the project for its primary purpose, the Flood Control Act approved 22 December 1944, as amended by the Flood Control Act approved 24 July 1946, authorized the Chief of Engineers to construct, maintain, and operate public park and recreational facilities in reservoir areas under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Army, and to permit the construction, maintenance, and operation of such facilities.

At the top of the contemplated conservation pool, San Angelo Reservoir will have a total capacity of 114,300 acre-feet and an area of 5,441 acres with a shore line of approximately 27 miles.

The plan which will be presented at the hearing is based on studies made by representatives of the Fort Worth District in collaboration with interested Federal, State, and local governmental agencies and this preliminary plan represents our general thinking as to the recreational potentialities of the project.

The general features of the plan are presented at this time. The PUBLIC HEARING is being held to determine if the plan meets the needs and desires of the public for land and water recreation, and to determine the extent that Federal, State, or local governmental agencies will participate in the development of the plan.

The actual development of the recreation areas outlined in this plan will depend upon the demand and need therefor, the availability of funds for construction of needed facilities, and the interest and cooperation of Federal, State, and local governmental agencies in establishing public park and recreational facilities on government-owned lands and constructing necessary connecting access roads on lands adjacent to the project boundary.

## SELECTION OF AREAS TO BE DEVELOPED

The location of areas selected for development is shown on the attached map. These areas are considered to have the best potential recreational values. Selection was made after consideration of the advice and desires of the U. S. National Park Service, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U. S. Public Health Service, and comparable State agencies.

Pecan Grove is located below the dam on both sides of North Concho River. It offers possibilities for day-use activities such as picnicking, games, and fishing. About 75 acres will be available.

Headquarters Area is located immediately west of the south end of the dam. This area will contain the necessary buildings and facilities for administration and operation of the project by the Government.

Red Arroyo Park is located on the south side of the lake about one-half mile west of the dam. This area of about 750 acres is proposed for day-use activities such as picnicking, games, and boat launching. A commercial concession will be offered to supply picnicking accessories, rental boats, and fishing equipment, as well as storage and repair services for boats.

South Hill Point is located on the south side of the lake about one and one-half miles west of the dam. This area of about 355 acres has potentialities for development as a day-use area. The plan proposes picnic facilities, swimming beach, public boat launching ramp, and a reservoir management and observation area.

Highland Range Park is located on the south side of the lake about three miles west of the dam. The area includes approximately 1,350 acres. The plan proposes picnic facilities, swimming beach, public boat launching ramp, facilities for overnight camping and house trailer parking, and a reservoir management and observation area. A commercial concession is proposed for this area to serve the needs of the public for rental boats, boat storage and repair, fishing supplies, and picnicking accessories. Cabins are also proposed for rental to the general public.

Grandview Organized Camp Area is located on the south shore of the lake about four miles west of the dam. This area is proposed for lease to nonprofit organizations such as the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, civic and church bodies, and other organized groups requiring a large area for the conduct of their outdoor recreation programs. Suggested improvements include a swimming beach, facilities for launching and storing rowboats and small motor boats, picnic facilities, and sleeping shelters. About 800 acres will be available for this development.

## GENERAL POLICIES OF MANAGEMENT

Policies formulated by the District Engineer with regard to recreational, biological, and agricultural land management at San Angelo

Reservoir will be designed to make the lake and Government-controlled lands surrounding the lake available to the general public to the fullest extent compatible with an orderly and planned management.

A high standard of public health and sanitation will be maintained. Potable water for domestic use and comfort stations are proposed at strategic locations within the approved public use areas. Garbage disposal will be provided.

Lands suitable for agricultural or grazing purposes, which are not included for recreational or related development, will be leased for those purposes. The use of such lands for agricultural or grazing purposes will be in accordance with a sound land-use program in which the services and cooperation of the Soil Conservation Service will be utilized to the fullest extent possible.

The lake shore will be retained in its present natural state insofar as is consistent with making ample facilities available to the public. While owners of lands adjacent to the reservoir area may expect access to the lake, this ownership does not convey any preferential rights to the use of Government-owned land nor do such owners have the prior right for lease thereof for access or recreational purposes. Access to the lake will be provided entirely in the light of desirable public use.

Commercial enterprises, created by concessionaires on Government-owned land, will be allowed to the extent necessary to meet the reasonable needs of the public, and will be conducted only under terms of leases or licenses granted for that purpose. Such leases or licenses will be granted in a fair and impartial manner and for a period of sufficient length to encourage adequate development.

The Corps of Engineers, in regulating facilities provided on the lake or surrounding Government-owned lands, has the purpose of insuring that adequate and suitable facilities will be provided to meet reasonable demands. It is proposed therefore to require that plans for all structures built on leased sites in the reservoir area be subject to the approval of the District Engineer. Also, the schedule of prices for services and facilities offered to the public by concessionaires will be subject to this approval. Every effort will be made to insure that the proper types of developments will be provided at a reasonable cost.

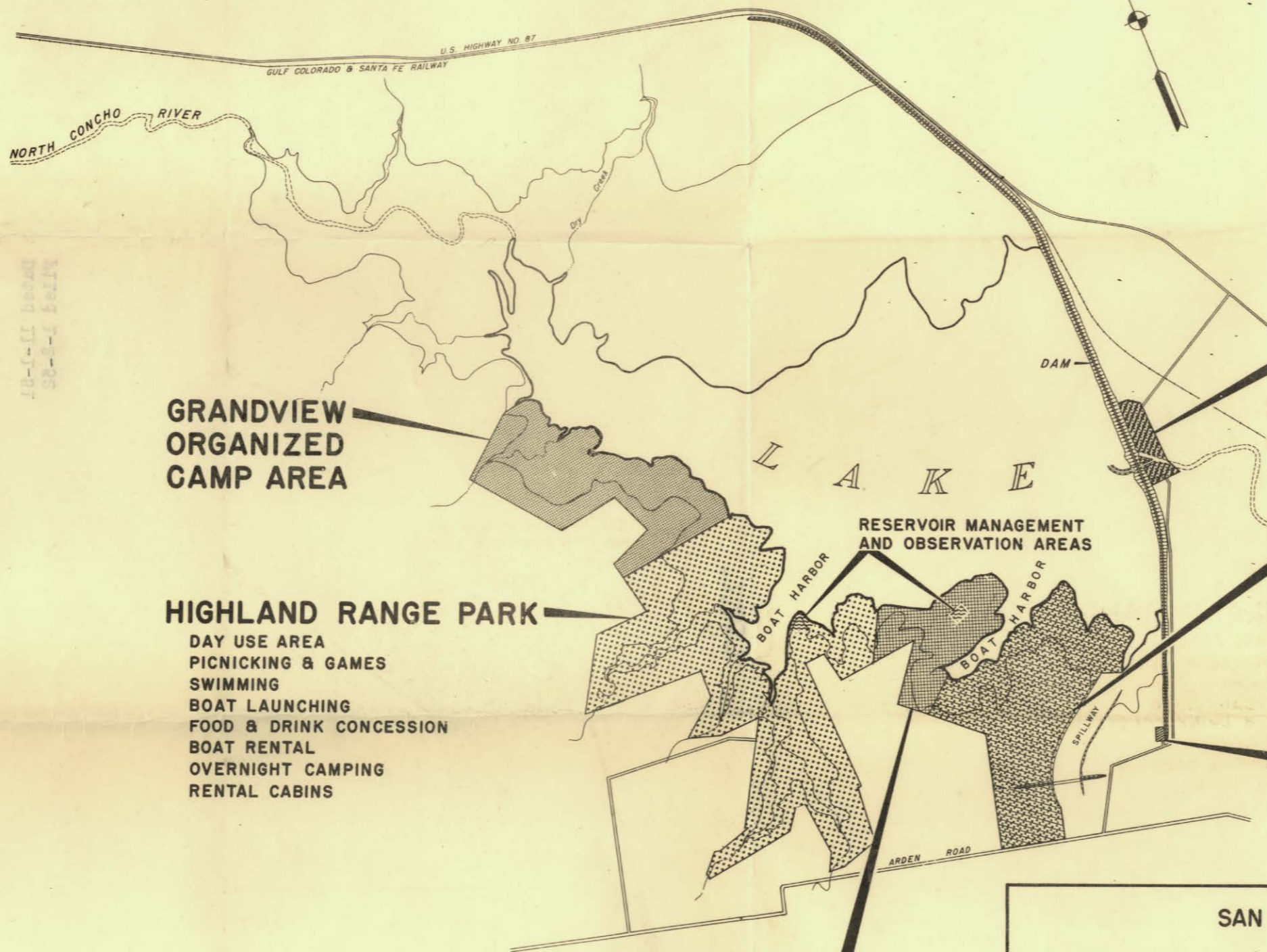
Boats of all classes will be operated in areas considered safe for boating under rules and regulations considered necessary to obviate unsafe boating practices. Permits, issued free of charge, will be required for each boat placed on the lake, except those placed on the lake for a period of less than three days at any one time. Permits will be issued by the Project Engineer at the project office. These permits are not intended to restrict the use of the lake, but are intended to encourage use of the lake in an orderly and safe manner.

Hunting and fishing at the reservoir will be in accordance with applicable State and Federal laws and regulations. The enforcement of these regulations will be the responsibility of State Game Wardens and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. In the interest of public safety and the proper operation and maintenance of the project, hunting will be permitted in certain specified areas only and will be with shotgun only. Fishing will be permitted in the reservoir, along the shoreline areas under the control of the Corps of Engineers, and in the river channel downstream from the outlet works but not from or in the immediate vicinity of the dam and appurtenant works.

Subject to availability of funds, roads on Government-owned lands will be constructed or improved to the extent required to serve development areas and accommodate visitors at the project and trails will be provided in areas where constant public use indicates their desirability.

Enforcement of civil and criminal laws in the project area will remain the responsibility of duly constituted officers of Federal, State, and local governmental agencies. The Corps of Engineers, through the Project Engineer and his assistants, will cooperate fully with all law enforcement officers including State Officers responsible for enforcement of laws pertaining to game and fish, forestry conservation, public health and sanitation, and prevention of pollution.

By planned and controlled recreational development, as outlined herein, it is hoped to provide an atmosphere of restful relaxation induced by surroundings of natural beauty, and to insure that the recreational resources of the San Angelo Reservoir will remain a permanent attraction.



**GRANDVIEW ORGANIZED CAMP AREA**

**HIGHLAND RANGE PARK**

- DAY USE AREA
- PICNICKING & GAMES
- SWIMMING
- BOAT LAUNCHING
- FOOD & DRINK CONCESSION
- BOAT RENTAL
- OVERNIGHT CAMPING
- RENTAL CABINS

**SOUTH HILL POINT**

- DAY USE AREA
- PICNICKING
- BOAT LAUNCHING
- SWIMMING

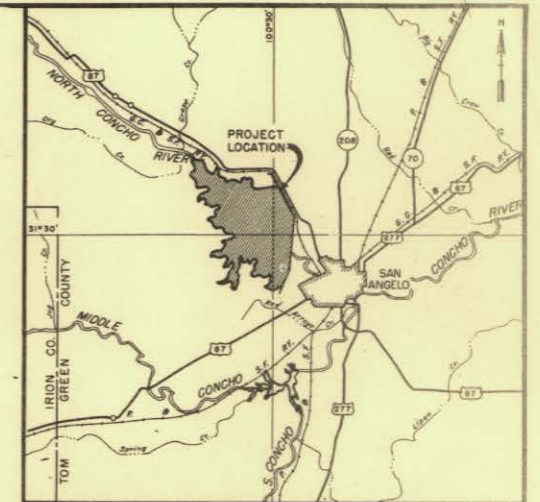
**RESERVOIR MANAGEMENT AND OBSERVATION AREAS**

BOAT HARBOR  
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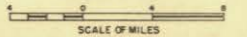
**PECAN GROVE**  
DAY USE AREA  
PICNICKING & GAMES

**RED ARROYO PARK**  
DAY USE AREA  
PICNICKING & GAMES  
BOAT LAUNCHING  
FOOD & DRINK CONCESSION  
BOAT RENTAL

**HEADQUARTERS AREA**



VICINITY MAP

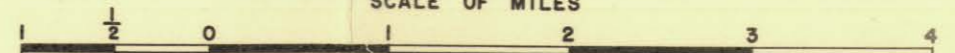


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PROPOSED RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

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SCALE OF MILES



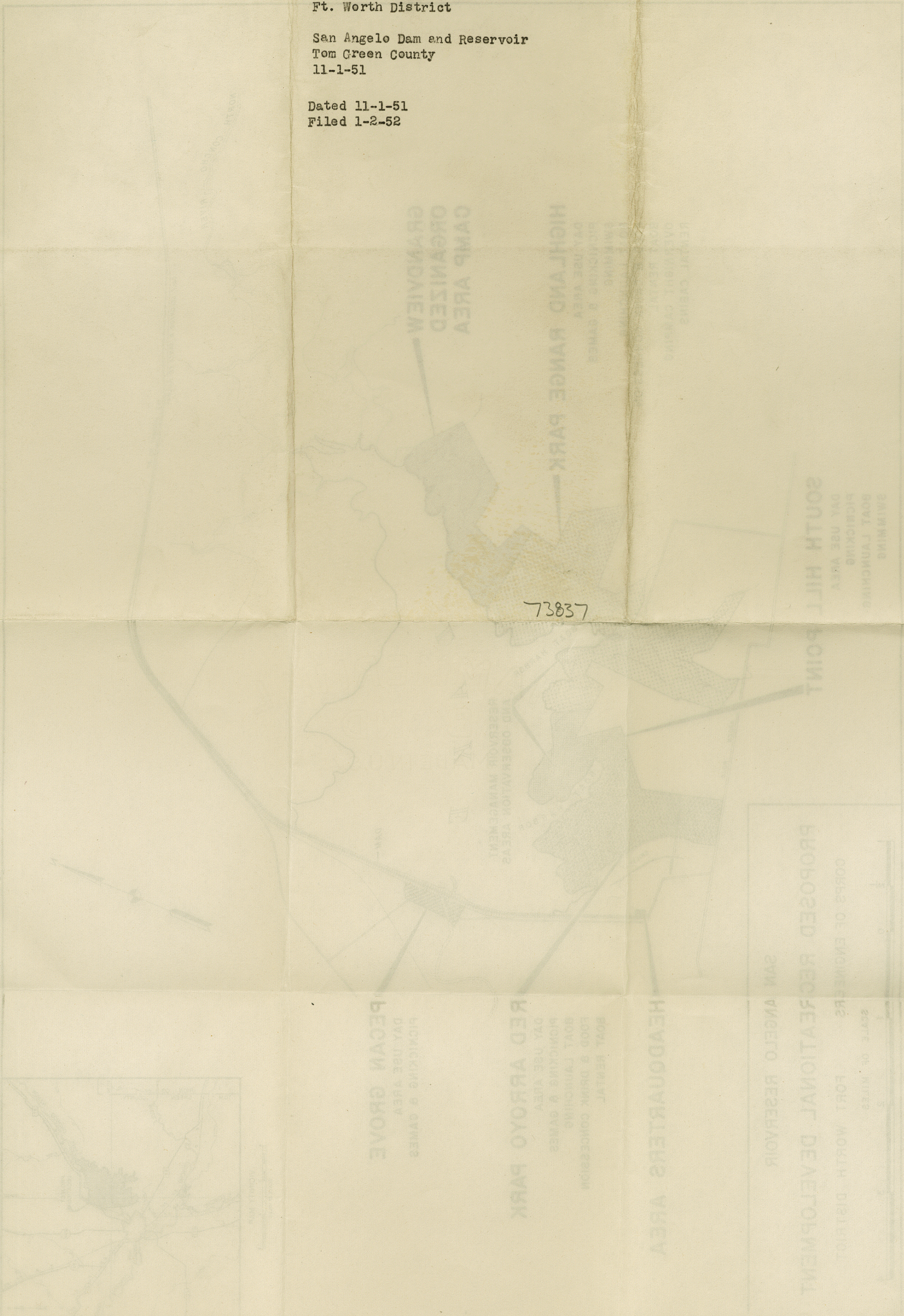
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