



# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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WASHINGTON, D.C., FEB. 26, 1973-- Senator Bob Dole today called upon the Army Corps of Engineers to permit greater citizen participation in consideration of proposed Special Recreational Use Fees for federal water recreation areas. The camping, boating, and service fees were proposed in an announcement published in the February 1, 1973, Federal Register.

In a letter to Secretary of the Army, Robert Froehlke, Dole criticized the unusually short period made available for public comment on the proposals, and he called for a full 90 days for citizens to register their views.

"There appear to be no emergency conditions which justify a shortened commentary period, and I believe action should be taken to allow the fullest citizen input and participation," Dole said.

"I foresee no harm in providing a total of 90 days for comment, but insistence upon observing the present 30-day deadline might very well inflict a serious blow to public confidence in the processes of our government," the Senator added.

Commenting on the problem raised by the fee proposal Dole said, "our system of federal lakes and recreation facilities is enjoyed by millions of American families every year. They deserve a full opportunity to make known their views and suggestions on a matter so strongly affecting their leisure activities."