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WILSON LAKE

DOLE'S WILSON LAKE UPGRADES CLEAR KEY HURDLE; \$900,000 IN IMPROVEMENTS ENDORSED BY SENATE-HOUSE CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON -- A key Senate-House conference committee late last night approved Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole's request to provide \$900,000 to rehabilitate and upgrade public facilities at Wilson Lake in central Kansas.

The Dole measure, which directs the Army Corps of Engineers to fund the lake improvements, is included in the FY1992 Energy & Water Appropriations Bill which now goes to both houses of Congress for final approval.

"The National Park Service's recent report on Wilson Lake demonstrated that the lake is an outstanding recreation area with plenty of 'potential for further enhancement,' Dole said. "That's why I'm pleased that the Senate-House negotiators have agreed with my request so that the tens of thousands of Kansans and out-of-state visitors who visit Wilson Lake every year will enjoy an even better outdoor experience -- whether they're camping, boating, swimming or fishing."

The Dole amendment enables the Corps of Engineers to implement major portions of their masterplan for Wilson Lake, including:

- ♦ Campground improvements -- new electrical and water hookups, rest rooms and an amphitheater;
- ♦ A new water recreation area -- construction of boat ramps, docks, fish cleaning stations, a picnic site, a playground, a new swimming area, and public dressing rooms.

"No doubt about it, Wilson Lake is part of our state's rich lineup of natural and historic attractions, and I'll keep looking for ways to improve and preserve our state's recreational and historic heritage," Dole added.