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## DOLE URGES REVIEW OF FORT SCOTT LAKE PROJECT

WASHINGTON -- Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan.) today urged the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to expedite review of the cost-benefit analysis of the Fort Scott Lake project. This analysis is an important step in the development of the lake.

"The severe drought in the Fort Scott area underlines the critical need for the development of water resources in Bourbon County and all of Southeast Kansas," said Senator Dole. "It appears that Congress will fund the remaining studies required before actual approval of the project, so it is now important that the Corps of Engineers remains aware of the importance of water storage in Southeast Kansas."

Following is the text of Senator Dole's letter:

"As you are well aware, recent drought conditions in Southeastern Kansas have severely affected a number of communities, including Fort Scott. Over the last few months, the people of Fort Scott have contacted me frequently concerning the problems of the diminishing water supplies in their area-- supplies for agricultural, domestic, and recreational purposes. Of special concern is the Marmaton River Reservoir, also known as the Fort Scott Lake project. The people of Fort Scott, the Kansas Water Resources Board, and a variety of Kansas officials have all expressed a great deal of interest in the development of this project.

"As I understand, the Corps of Engineers in Kansas City has recently presented your office with the first draft of a reconnaissance report analyzing the benefit/cost ratio of the Fort Scott Lake project. I would appreciate any help you could give in expediting the review of this report, and in assisting the completion of other aspects of study necessary before the actual construction of this lake can begin.

"The assistance which the Corps has provided in the past has been a great help with this project. I would greatly appreciate your continued assistance and attention to this matter."