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## **NATIONAL RECREATION RESERVATION SERVICE™ EXTENDS HOURS TO ACCOMMODATE OVERWHELMING DEMAND**

**WILMINGTON, NC** – The National Recreation Reservation Service™ (NRRS™) has increased staffing levels and extended hours of operation. NRRS™, which administers the centralized reservation service that allows campers to reserve federal campsites managed by the USDA Forest Service and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, has been overwhelmed with customer demand since the March 1, 1999 release of additional campsite inventories.

Effective immediately, those wishing to book a federal campsite can now call the NRRS™ reservation hotline at 1-877-444-6777 any day of the week from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. (EST). In addition, Park.Net, the company managing the program for NRRS™, increased by 24 the number of operators at its New York call center. The NRRS™ accepts reservations for individual campsites up to 240 days in advance. Groups may book up to 360 days in advance. Visa, AMEX, Discover, and MasterCard are accepted.

With 49,500 campsites available in more than 1,700 federal campgrounds, the NRRS™ is North America's largest recreation reservation service, offering campsites stretching from Alaska's Tongass National Forest to Florida's Lake Okeechobee and from California's Los Padres National Forest to Massachusetts' Knightville Dam. Three Corps projects in the Wilmington District were included in the additional campsites inventories released on March 1, 1999: Philpott Lake, John H. Kerr Reservoir, and W. Kerr Scott Reservoir.