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Gilchrist Ferry Road construction begins next week

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Savannah, Ga. – Officials with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers' Savannah District announced construction will begin next week on the J. Strom Thurmond Oxygenation System and upgrade of Gilchrist Ferry Road near Modoc, S.C. Joint venture contractors, Atkinson Builders, Inc., and WECC, Inc., of Fayetteville, N. C., will break ground on the construction site the week of April 20. Construction is expected to be complete by October.

The oxygenation system will increase dissolved oxygen in the waters of Thurmond Lake and is part of a mitigation plan to allow expanded use of pump-back power generation at the Richard B. Russell Dam. The system will inject oxygen into the lake waters.

As part of the construction project, Gilchrist Ferry Road will be upgraded. Parking at the existing boat ramp off Gilchrist road will also be upgraded and restroom facilities added. The boat ramp will be closed while the parking lot is being paved.

During the construction, residents should expect a disruption in traffic flow due to the heavy equipment on the road.

Residents with questions should contact the Corps' Public Affairs Office at (912) 652-5014/5279 or email cesas-pa@usace.army.mil

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