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Hunting and Discharge of Firearms Prohibited on Highlands Reservoir

The San Jacinto River Authority (SJRA) Board of Directors recently updated its rules and regulations to allow non-motorized watercraft on the Highlands Reservoir effective July 1, 2016. The decision to allow non-motorized watercraft is intended to enhance public access as a benefit to residents and visitors to the area. Visitors are invited to enjoy fishing, picnicking, and hiking along the banks.

Due to recent activity on the reservoir, the SJRA wishes to reiterate that under no circumstances nor at any time are hunting or discharge of firearms allowed by the public on any part of the Highlands System. The Highlands System consists of the Highlands Reservoir plus the 27-mile associated canal system, all of which is wholly-owned and operated by the SJRA. A violation of any part of the rules governing the Highlands System is a Class C misdemeanor punishable by a fine.

SJRA's priority is the safety of the residents and public visiting the Highlands System. Your assistance in making sure that the adopted rules and regulations are followed will help ensure continued public access to the reservoir and the amenities it provides. The SJRA is pleased to be able to offer this amenity to the community.

For additional information regarding public access to and use of the Highlands Reservoir, please refer to www.sjra.net for the *Highlands Reservoir and Canal System Rules and Regulations*.