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ATV area re-opened in the Bonnet Carre Spillway

NEW ORLEANS – An all-terrain vehicle area in the Bonnet Carre Spillway has re-opened after it was closed April 4 due to high water from the Mississippi River. ATV Area 1, with the exception of the multi-purpose track, re-opened today after an early morning inspection by Corps of Engineers Park Ranger Keith Chasteen. ATV Area 2 remains closed until further notice.

Chasteen provided a cautionary note regarding conditions in ATV Area 1. “Standing water and sand bars have altered the riding area. Riders should take care,” he said.

The multi-purpose track in ATV Area 1 has been washed out. A decision to re-open the loop track in ATV Area 2 will be made on Saturday after inspection by the South Louisiana Trailblazers Club, the Corps’ partner in developing ATV trails in the spillway.

The Mississippi River is expected to rise again beginning May 1 and will crest May 9 at 12.7 feet at New Orleans.