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Grand opening press event for Purple Martin Lake Water Resource Area

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DES MOINES, Iowa -- The Iowa Department of Natural Resources, in partnership with Des Moines Water Works, City of West Des Moines and the Friends of Walnut Woods State Park group, will hold a press conference for the grand opening of Purple Martin Lake Water Resource Area. This lake and recreational area will create many new opportunities for outdoor enthusiasts to recreate and enjoy the outdoors and be close to West Des Moines and Des Moines.

WHO: Iowa DNR Director Chuck Gipp, Des Moines Water Works CEO Bill Stowe, West Des Moines Mayor Pro-tem Rick Messerschmidt, Friends of Walnut Woods State Park President Linda MacBride

WHEN: 11:00 AM, Thursday, August 24, 2017

WHERE: Southwest of Walnut Woods State Park in southern Polk County, off of Army Post Road **See the map below for the exact location of the press event.**

Directions From Interstate 35 and/or Hwy 5: From Interstate 35 take exit 68 (Hwy. 5). From Hwy. 5 take exit #102 (35th St.) for Walnut Woods State Park. Drive North to Army Post Rd. then turn left (west) on Army Post Rd. to SE 42nd St. continue west on Army Post Rd. for .4 miles to the entrance to Purple Martin Lake.

From Interstate 235 take exit for 63rd St./Hwy. 28 south. Take Hwy. 28/63rd St. south (crossing Grand Ave. & Park Ave.) to Army Post Rd./Willow Creek St. Turn right/west on Army Post Rd./Willow Creek St. to Veterans Pkwy. Turn left/south on Veterans Pkwy then turn right again(west) on Army Post Rd. go west on Army Post Rd. to SE 42nd St continue on Army Post Rd. for .4 miles to entrance to Purple Martin Lake.

