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RECREATIONAL USE AND THE CROWN OF THE LEVEES

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New Orleans, LA – Leadership of the Flood Protection Authority-East (FPA) urges the public to move recreational activities off the crown of the levees to limit the wear and tear of the flood protection system. In several areas, pedestrian traffic on the New Orleans and Jefferson Parish Lakefront Levee crown has eroded the protective vegetation and exposed the underlying armoring that protects the levee from scour in the event of wave over topping during a storm. As we approach hurricane season, the FPA must maintain its mission of reducing hurricane storm damage and flooding, which includes maintaining the levees to the highest federal standards. CAO Derek Boese added, “Part of our goal is to protect the property of the residents and businesses within the system. We can only achieve that with the help of everyone being good neighbors and not adding further damage to the levees.” The Lakefront is open to the public but subjected to the social distancing order issued by Gov. John Bel Edwards. Those who visit the Lakefront are asked to help keep the area clean by reducing the number of items brought to the area and using available trash bins to discard garbage. The Orleans Levee District Police Department and East Jefferson Levee District Police will have

constant patrols along the levees to ensure residents comply with the social distancing order and reduce the spread of COVID-19.