
WATER SAFETY RULES AND REGULATIONS
AFFECTING CANYON LAKE

Promulgated by the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority

Article I. Definitions and General Provisions.

Section 1.01. Definitions.

In these rules:

(1) "Person" includes any individual, firm, partnership, corporation, company, association, joint stock association, or body politic, except the United States, State of Texas or County of Comal, and includes any agent, trustee, executor, receiver, assignee or other similar representative thereof.

(2) "Watercraft" means any contrivance used or designed for navigation on water, including but not limited to "boat", "vessel", "motor-boat" or "personal watercraft", as those terms are used in the Texas Water Safety Act.

Section 1.02. Scope of Rules.

It is the express intent of these rules, among others, to limit the use of authorized boat ramps and floating docks on Canyon Lake to the loading, unloading, inspection and repair of watercraft. These rules shall apply only to the impoundment area of the Guadalupe River known as "Canyon Lake" and managed by the Guadalupe/Blanco River Authority, established under normal conditions at an elevation of 909 feet above sea level. These rules shall also apply, however, to impoundment levels above or below said elevation, as conditions warrant.

Section 1.03. Other Law Applicable.

To the extent applicable, the following law shall also apply to Canyon Lake:

(1) United States Coast Guard Inland Rules.

(2) Rules and Regulations Governing Public Use of Water Resources Development Projects Administered by the Chief of Engineers, promulgated pursuant to Part 327, Chapter III, Title 36, United States Code.

(3) Texas Water Safety Act [V.T.C.A. Parks and Wildlife Code, Chapter 31].

Article II. Water Safety Rules; Operation of Watercraft.

Section 2.01. No person may operate a watercraft at a speed greater than minimum headway (so as not to create a wake) within two hundred

feet (200') of the centerpoint of an authorized boat ramp, measured from the conservation pool level, or within the Special No Wake Areas designated for Turkey Cove, Rebecca Creek, Canyon Springs Cove and Tom Creek Cove described in Section 2.06 hereof. This radius shall be marked by buoys and shoreside signs as a "No Wake Area", but the absence of said buoys or signs shall not constitute a defense. The location of the buoys shall be presumptive of the two hundred foot limit.

Section 2.02. No person may swim or enter the water from a boat ramp or floating dock within a designated No Wake Area except as may be necessary to the loading, unloading, inspection and repair of watercraft. These facilities shall be marked by signs stating "No Swimming From Boat Ramp or Floating Dock", but the absence of said signs shall not constitute a defense.

Section 2.03. Loading, unloading, inspection and repair activities at authorized boat ramps may not unreasonably interfere with the lawful use of the ramp by others.

Section 2.04. No person may place or cause to be placed a dive flag or engage in scuba or snorkeling activities within a designated No Wake area.

Section 2.05. Authorized boat ramps shall include but not be limited to the following:

(1) Any ramp owned and operated by the United States Corps of Engineers.

(2) Any ramp owned or operated by Comal County, Texas.

Section 2.06. Special No Wake Areas for Turkey Cove, Rebecca Creek, Canyon Springs Cove and Tom Creek Cove are shown on Exhibits "A", "B", "C" and "D". These areas shall be marked by buoys and shoreside signs, but the absence of said buoys or signs shall not constitute a defense. The location of the buoys shall be presumptive of the limits of the areas.

Section 2.07. Violation of Corps of Engineers Buoy System.

(a) No person may operate a watercraft within an area designated by the U.S. Corps of Engineers as a "Restricted" or "No Entry" area.

(b) No person may operate a watercraft at a speed greater than minimum headway (so as not to create a wake) within an area designated by the U.S. Corps of Engineers as a "No Wake" area.

Article III. Enforcement and Penalties.

Section 3.01. Enforcement Officers.

(a) All peace officers of this state and its political subdivi-

sions, game management officers and federal law enforcement officers are enforcement officers for the purposes of these rules.

(b) Enforcement officers may enforce the provisions of these rules by arresting and taking into custody any person who commits any act or offenses prohibited by these rules or who violates any provision of these rules.

Section 3.02. Violations; Notice to Appear.

(a) An enforcement officer who arrests a person for a violation of these rules may deliver to the alleged violator a written notice to appear within 15 days after the date of the violation before the justice court having jurisdiction of the offense.

(b) The person arrested shall sign the notice to appear promising to make his appearance in accordance with the requirements set forth in the notice. After signing the notice the person may be released. Failure to appear before the court in the county having jurisdiction constitutes a violation of Chapter 31 of the Texas Water Safety Act. A warrant for the arrest of the person failing to appear may be issued.

Section 3.03. Venue.

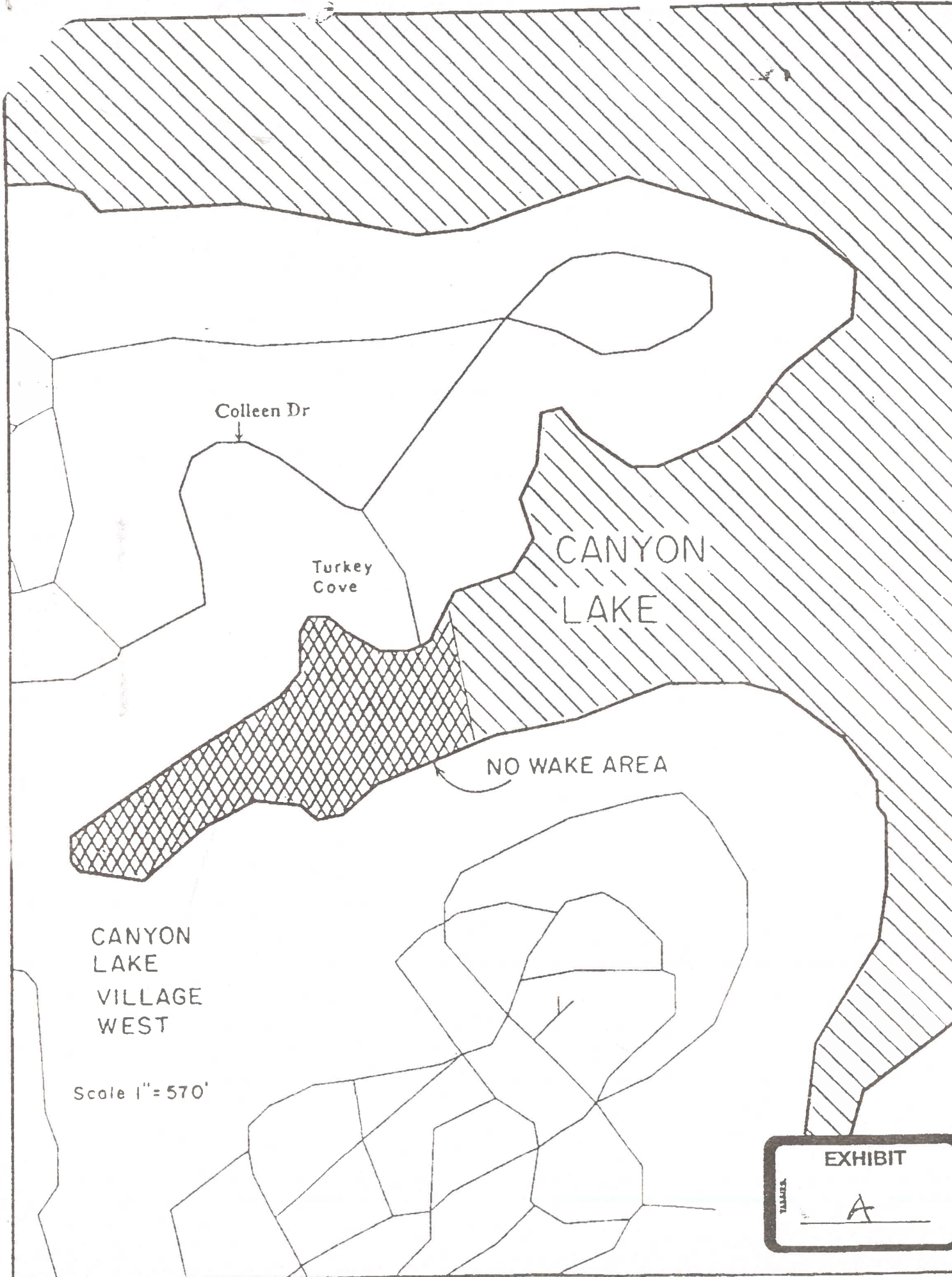
(a) Venue for an alleged violation or offense under the provisions of this chapter is in the justice court or county court having jurisdiction where the violation or offense was committed.

(b) For an offense under the provisions of these rules, there is a presumption that the offense was committed in the justice precinct and county where the dam containing the body of water is located.

Section 3.04. Penalties.

(a) A person who violates or fails to comply with any provision of these rules commits an offense that is a Class C Parks and Wildlife Code misdemeanor.

(b) An individual adjudged guilty of a Class C Parks and Wildlife Code misdemeanor shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$500.00.



Scale 1" = 570'

EXHIBIT

TAMMEX

A

SCALE 1" = 780'

CYPRESS
COVE

← Tanglewood Trail

← Lakeview Dr

GUADALUPE
RIVER

Boat
Ramp

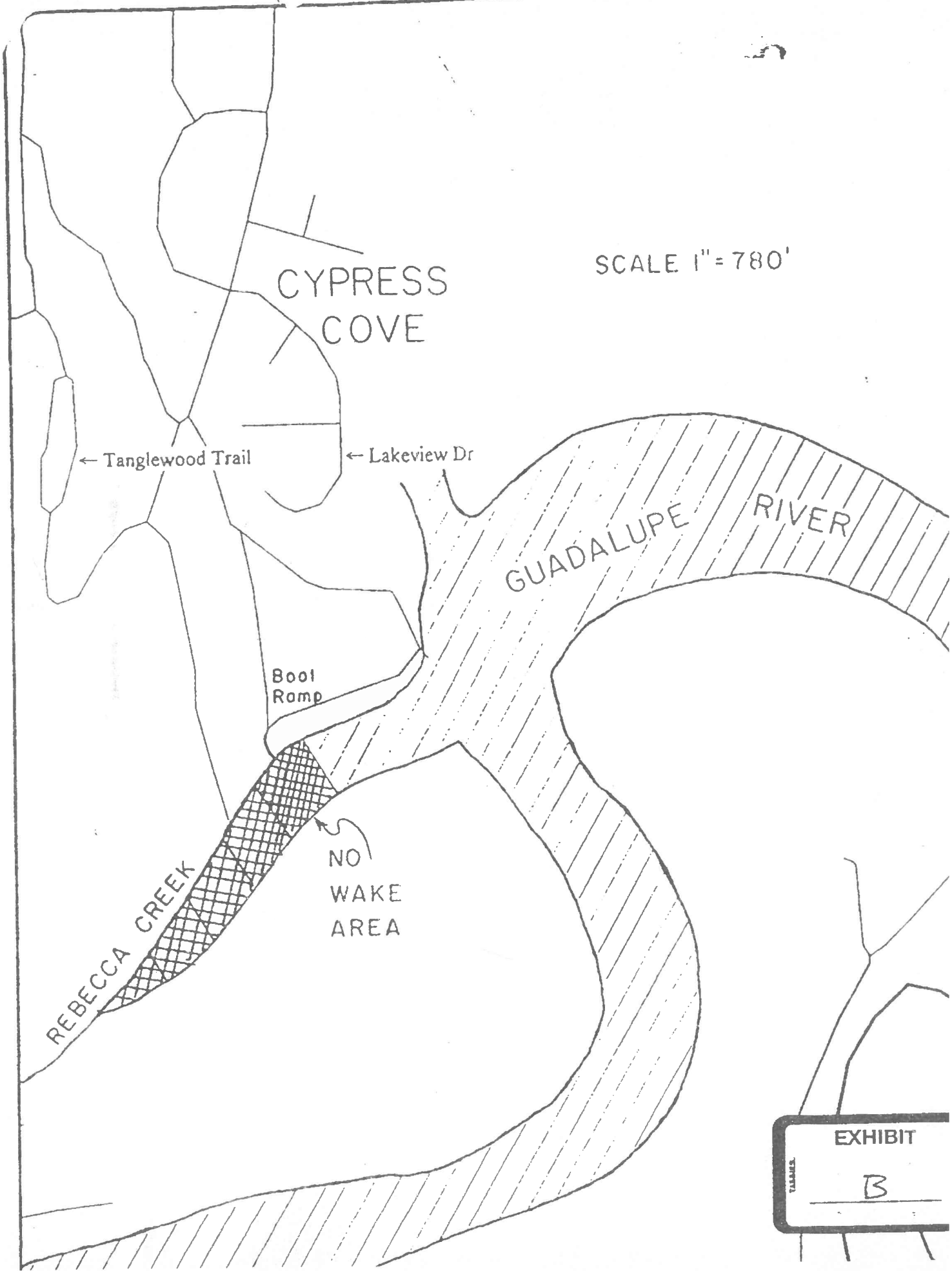
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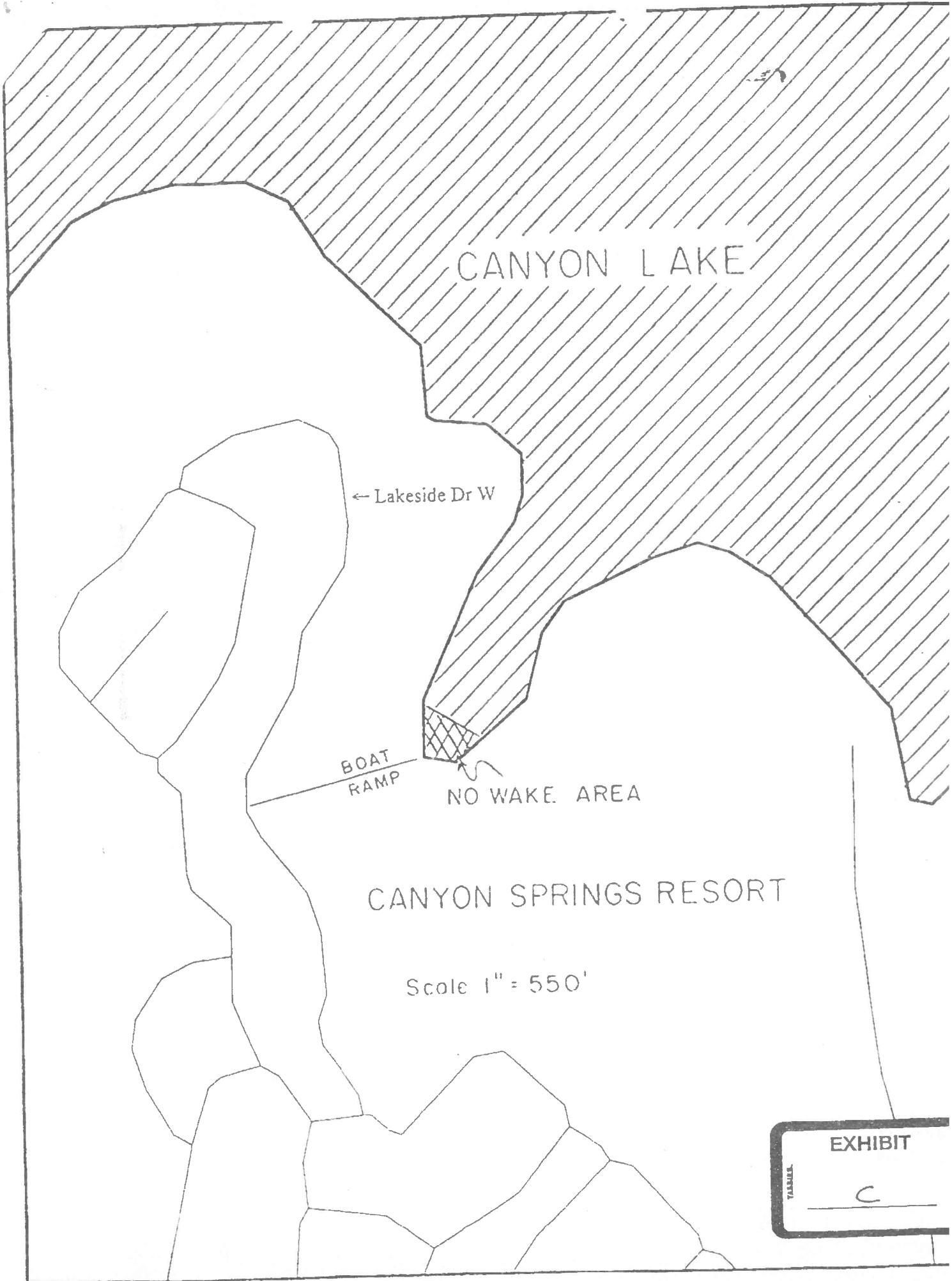
NO
WAKE
AREA

EXHIBIT

B

TALAMAS





CANYON LAKE

← Lakeside Dr W

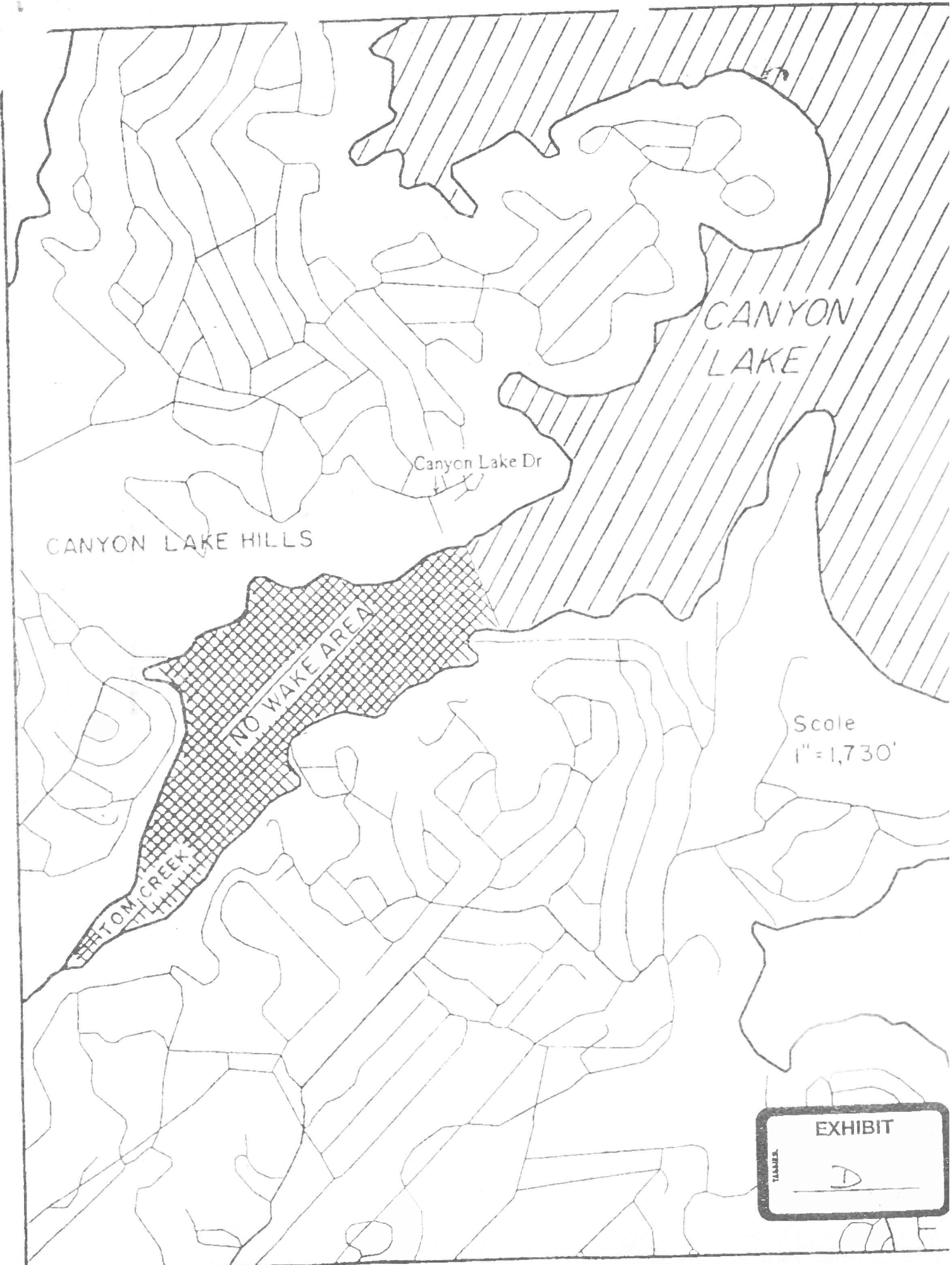
BOAT RAMP

NO WAKE AREA

CANYON SPRINGS RESORT

Scale 1" = 550'

EXHIBIT
C



Scale
1" = 1,730'

EXHIBIT
D

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