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**Subject: Region 8 Lower Brazos RFPG - Public Comment**

Re: Navasota Downstream Landowners are requesting that the mismanagement and damaging operations of Lake Limestone be included in the Region 8 Lower Brazos Regional Flood Planning Group Study.

My name is Cheryl Langford and I was a participant in the last preplanning meeting online in the public comments portion of the meeting.

Since the last meeting my 378 acres on Co. Road 162, South of Iola, has been flooded under water for 1 month now. Only having a bluff which is approximately 30 acres for my cattle to retreat to. I have had to feed twice a week, for four weeks because of reduced foraging. On June 15<sup>th</sup>, I had to move 57 momma cows with calves to another ranch because there was no longer any grass to forage, and not being sure how much longer my lands were going to be underwater. I am also attaching a photo of the sediment left on the land where that water is receding. The cattle will not touch it! It will take a rain, a substantial rain to wash the grasses.

The moving process took 8 cattle trailers, 4 ranch hands, temps of 98° - 102° and unknowable stress to my animals. Before these cattle could be moved, we had to move other cattle from the ranch they were going to, to another to make the grazing work.

I have asked through the open records request for the operational model for Lake Limestone and as to this date, I have not received a plan, guidelines, or model that the lake is managed by and that there are also not qualified people making the decisions as to releases we are being devastated by.

Another question I have is who or how was Lake Limestone designated as a water reservoir lake?

My fellow landowner Mike Southerland and I have formed a website, [www.navasotaflooding.com](http://www.navasotaflooding.com), where we have compiled a great deal of information. We are only asking that there be serious considerations of the wide-ranging problems being borne of Navasota Downstream Landowners solely.

- Severe erosion
- Land value diminishing
- Erosion of the Navasota River banks with large trees falling in river and causing further blockage
- Loss of livestock
- Foreign weeds deposited on our lands
- Roads and bridges washed out
- Loss of use of land

Best Personal Regards,

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