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was on site, and saw what a wonderful partnership this venue provided between the anglers, businesses, community, hospital and the cancer patients of Memorial Health System of East Texas. He made a pledge on behalf of Bass Pro Shops that starting with next year's annual event, Bass Pro would be a major sponsor.

The cancer patients were not the only winners, the anglers enjoyed some winnings as well. Mike Mahem and Glen Lanier brought in

the heaviest limit at 20.95 lbs. to win the tournament. They pitched black/blue jigs trailored with black/blue paca craws at deep drop offs near main lake points.

"It was a fairly steady bite all day. We didn't have to run much, but we hit about five different spots. Our fish were as shallow as 8' and as deep as 20'" Mike explained. Their 1st place check totalled \$3,348.15.

Stanton Marsh and Alan Moore came in a close second weighing 20.73 lbs.

"We only fished one area" the team reported. "It was a slow bite, but we worked the area well with Texas rigged worms in the grass, around 10-12'. We finally put a limit together after 11 a.m., and was able to cull up a few times after that."

They were presented with a check for \$2,363.40.

Robert Whittle and Bernie Shiflet won third place overall with 19.55 lbs. They also had the biggest bass of the tournament, weighing 9.72.

"We targeted shallow

grass flats in the mid lake area."

They were using straight rigged Zoom trick worms. It was around 9 a.m. when the big one hit on Robert's line. "It was great. I knew right away she was a big one!" By 9:20, they wrapped up a limit, and enjoyed a \$1,772.55 check for their third place win plus some more bonus bucks for their big bass.

Top 10 Winners:
First — \$3,348.15 20.95 lbs. Glen Lanier and Mike

Mahem
Second — \$2,363.40 20.73 lbs. Alan Moore and Stanton Marsh

Third — \$1,772.55 19.30 lbs. Bernie Shiflet and Robert Whittle

Fourth — \$1,313 18.08 lbs. Perry Hooks and Sam Flint

Fifth — \$1,050.40 17.25 lbs. Clarence Denby

Sixth — \$919.10 16.86 lbs. Jim Foster and Travis Barnes

Seventh — \$787.80 15 lbs. Randy Turner and Jerry McMullen

Eight — \$656.50 14.85 lbs.

Ray Powell and Scott Stone
Ninth — \$525.20 14.82 lbs. Truitt Dixon and Robert Cates

Tenth — \$393.90 14.77 lbs. Kenny Jones and Corey Lowery

Top Three Big Bass:
First — 9.72 lbs. Robert Whittle

Second — 6.54 lbs. Stanton Marsh

Third — 6.33 lbs. Darrell Proffitt

For more information, call Lindsey Mott at the Memorial Health System of East Texas 936-639-7613.

Change in off-highway use proposed at forests

National Forests and Grasslands in Texas Forest Supervisor Fred Salinas is proposing to restrict the use of motorized vehicles to designated roads, trails and areas on the Angelina, Davy Crockett, and Sabine National Forests, and is asking for public comments on the proposal.

The change is required to implement the Forest Service Travel Management Rule which restricts motorized vehicles to designated roads, trails and areas on national forests and grasslands nationwide.

In the past, unmanaged off-highway vehicle (OHV) use has been allowed on the NFGT, but in the late 1980s, restrictions on OHV use were imposed on the Sam Houston National Forest and the Caddo/ LBJ Grasslands. Today, OHV use is restricted to designated trails on the Sam Houston National Forest and is restricted to roads on the Caddo-LBJ National Grasslands and the Angelina National Forest Longleaf Ridge Special Area.

"OHV use is projected to continue to increase in the foreseeable future," Salinas said. "In some areas of the forest, OHV use has not caused any major impacts or problems, but in other areas, there has been severe damage that requires a change in policies in how we manage OHVs now and in the future."

The proposed change would also prohibit cross-country motor vehicle use from roads and trails for big game retrieval. This will bring all the NFGT into consistency with the management policy for designated Wildlife Management Areas, Salinas added.

"In order to ensure that national forest lands retain their current integrity now and for future generations there is a need to implement this change on the NFGT," Salinas said.

"I invite your comments on this proposed Plan amendment and I value the publics' interest and ideas for management of the National Forests and Grasslands in Texas," Salinas said.

Concerns or comments on the proposed actions may be emailed to comments-southern-texas@fs.fed.us or may be mailed to the Supervisor's Office, 415 S. First St., Ste. 110, Lufkin, Texas, 75901.

Comments should include your name, address and phone number, title of the proposal (OHV Plan Amendment) and specific facts or comments along with supporting reasons that should be considered. Deadline for submitting comments is April 20, 2007.

Two websites that offer additional information on the use of OHVs on national forests are: www.fs.fed.us/recreation/programs/ohv/final.pdf and www.fs.fed.us/r8/texas/planning/nepa_index.shtml

For additional information concerning this proposal or if you would like to have someone meet with you or a group, contact Don Benner at the Forest Supervisor's Office, 415 South First Street, Suite 110, Lufkin, Texas 75901, or call 936-639-8581

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