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### Press Release

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#### **Fort Martin Opens at Indian Creek Recreation Area**

**Baton Rouge, La. (June 17, 2019)** – Today, the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) and RoyOMartin announce the grand opening of Fort Martin, a new playground located at Indian Creek Recreation Area in Woodworth, Louisiana. This effort was a joint partnership between the LDAF and RoyOMartin.

Indian Creek, which is located 15 miles south of RoyOMartin’s corporate headquarters in Alexandria, is a popular destination for fishing, hiking, biking, and camping. While some basic playground equipment was already on site, Fort Martin is intended to provide a safer, larger, and more modern space in which young children could play. Its name honors the Martin family, whose patriarch, Roy O. Martin, Sr., entered the wood-products business in 1923.

RoyOMartin’s involvement in this project consisted of employee volunteers helping design the playground equipment, supplying the wood needed for construction, and overseeing its installation—as well as landscaping—at the site. YellaWood® donated the majority of the lumber used in construction.

“We want to thank RoyOMartin for stepping up to the plate and providing funding for a much-needed playground at Indian Creek Recreation Area that will be enjoyed by thousands of children,” stated Mike Strain, D.V.M., Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry commissioner. “We are so grateful for this partnership. There are no words that can express the looks on the faces of the many children who will be smiling because of the wonderful new playground equipment.”

“Central Louisiana has been good to my family and the Martin organizations for nearly 100 years,” stated Roy O. Martin III, president, CEO, and CFO at RoyOMartin. “The Lord has blessed us with this opportunity to give back, through providing a playground for generations to enjoy.”

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**About RoyOMartin**

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