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NOTICE NUMBER: 4939
LOCAL NUMBER: 15-15
WATERWAY: SNAKE RIVER

EFFECTIVE: 09/09/2015 06:30 thru 09/10/2015 23:59 PST

**Lower Monumental Lock out of Service for Inspection
September 9-10, 2015**

Lower Monumental navigation lock will be closed September 9 starting at 6:30 a.m through September 10, 11:59 p.m. for an inspection of fill valve 3. Lower Monumental Lock & Dam is located at Snake River mile 41.6. No lockages will occur during this time period.

There are two fill valves (valve 3 and valve 4) used to lock traffic through Lower Monumental. Fill valve 4 is currently out of service for repairs to the valve lifting eyes, replacement of various pins and bushings throughout the operating assembly and concrete spall repairs. Fill valve 3 is demonstrating similar symptoms as fill valve 4 before it failed. The lock cannot be filled until the engineers complete their inspection of fill valve 3.

Modified operations of tainter fill valve 3 have mitigated risk of failure, but the inspection will determine if any additional operational changes or repairs are required. The District is working aggressively to get tainter fill valve 4 back in service, with contract work expected to begin no later than September 8, 2015. If tainter fill valve 3 requires repairs, the District is aligning resources to begin that work once tainter fill valve 4 is operational.

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