



US Army Corps
of Engineers®



Walla Walla District

WHO WE ARE: The history of the Walla Walla District is closely linked to the development of water resource projects on the Columbia and Snake rivers. Establishment of the district in 1948 coincided with the start of work on McNary Lock and Dam on the Columbia River near Umatilla, Oregon.



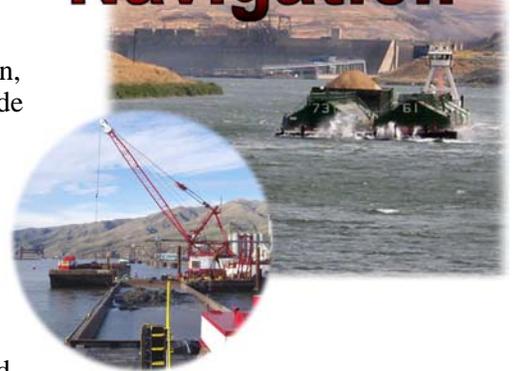
Our civil works boundaries generally follow the Snake River Basin and include approximately 107,000 square miles in six states – Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming, and small parts of Nevada and Utah.

WALLA WALLA DISTRICT FACTS

DAMS: Walla Walla District staff operates five large multipurpose hydropower dams that provide navigation, recreation, and fish and wildlife benefits. These include

McNary Lock and Dam on the Columbia River and four locks and dams on the lower Snake River – Ice Harbor, Lower Monumental, Little Goose and Lower Granite. Flood damage reduction and hydropower projects in Idaho include Lucky Peak Dam and Lake on the Boise River, which has a locally owned powerhouse, and Dworshak Dam and Reservoir on the North Fork of the Clearwater River. Mill Creek Dam and Bennington Lake in Washington provides flood damage reduction.

Navigation



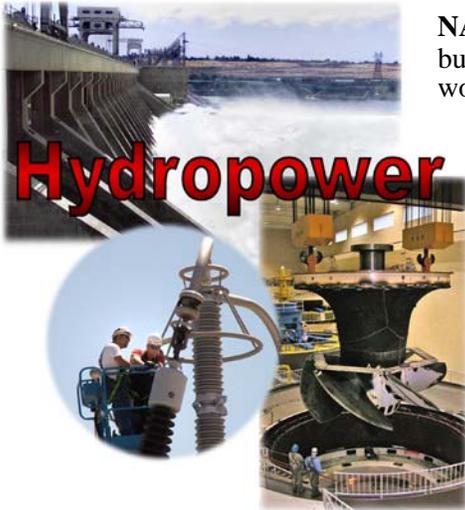
NAVIGATION: District staff members designed, built and operate some of the highest lift locks in the world, with an average lift of more than 100 feet. Our navigation locks on the Snake and Columbia rivers help provide a navigable waterway 465 miles inland from Astoria, Oregon, to Lewiston, Idaho.

HYDROPOWER: Walla Walla District is the second largest hydropower producer in the Corps, providing a total rated capacity of 4,413 megawatts to the Federal Columbia River Power System. This is enough electricity to power about 1.5 million homes.

ENVIRONMENT: Corps employees carry out environmental and natural resource management programs throughout the district, managing hundreds of square miles as forest and wildlife habitat, monitoring water quality at our dams, and in some cases, conducting environmental restoration projects. A critical environmental responsibility of the district is

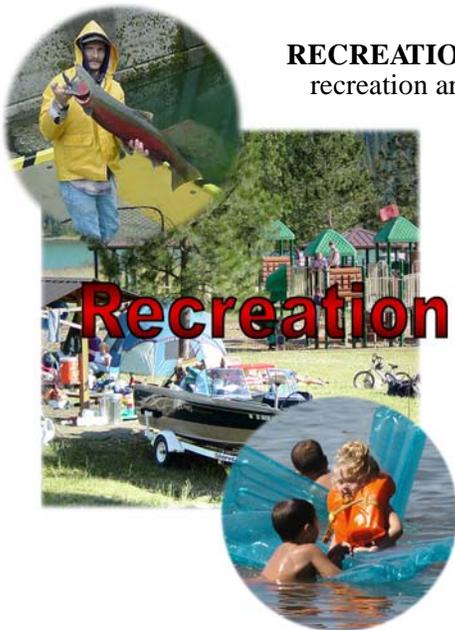
improving fish passage at Corps dams to aid the recovery of endangered salmon and steelhead in the Columbia and Snake river basins. Our fish ladder designs are proven effective in assisting adult salmon past the dams on their way to upstream spawning grounds. In recent years, the development of surface bypass structures has made passage more efficient for juvenile salmon outmigrating to the ocean. Environmental preservation and restoration are important components of the civil works planning process. Consideration of potential environmental impact is part of every work plan and includes compliance measures to ensure that our projects meet federal, state and local environmental requirements.

Hydropower



Environmental Stewardship





Recreation

RECREATION: Walla Walla District receives more than 7 million visitors a year to its lakes and recreation areas. The district manages more than 14,600 acres of recreation lands. More than 6,300 acres of Corps recreation lands in the Walla Walla District are outgranted to other entities in the region which operate concession facilities generating income for local economies.

REGULATORY: Walla Walla District's regulatory jurisdiction covers the entire state of Idaho. A Corps permit is required for most construction activities in waterways and wetlands before beginning the project. Corps regulatory specialists at three field offices and the district headquarters stand ready to assist landowners and municipal agencies.

CULTURAL RELATIONSHIPS: The district works to meet its responsibilities to area federally-recognized tribes and to develop strong government-to-government relationships.

WATER RESOURCE PLANNING & THE BOISE OFFICE: Working with congressionally authorized, cost-shared programs, the Corps assists in environmental restoration,

improving water quality and supporting other federal agencies, along with the more traditional missions of flood damage reduction, hydropower and navigation. The Walla Walla District established an office in Boise, Idaho, in 1999 to place a Corps presence closer to the people in the Snake River Basin. Operating on a "One Door to the Corps" philosophy, the office provides a local point of contact in Idaho for the public to seek the Corps' engineering and scientific expertise, and water resource solutions.



Water Resource Solutions

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Protecting lives and reducing damage to property when

flooding occurs, and assisting in other disasters in the region is a key mission for the Walla Walla District. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is prepared to provide emergency assistance to local communities in the event of a disaster.

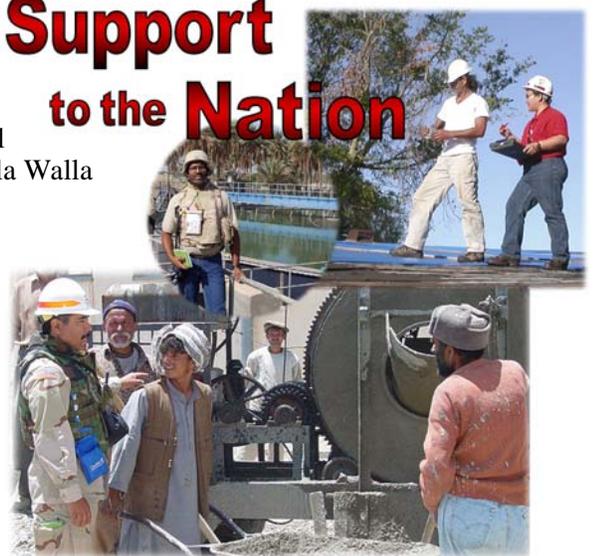


Emergency Management

SUPPORT TO THE NATION: Walla Walla District staff members also find challenge and satisfaction in serving the region and the nation by providing emergency support and services during times of disaster throughout the United States and in other countries. More than 150 district volunteers have traveled to Gulf Coast states struck by Hurricane Katrina to assist with cleanup and recovery efforts. Soldiers and civilian members of the Walla Walla District have answered the country's call to support the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT). These men and women have

served for periods of several weeks to several months at a time to help emerging democracies in Iraq and Afghanistan. Walla Walla District personnel have inspected dams that produce electricity to ensure their structural safety and integrity, and availability for postwar use by the countries' people. The Corps is rebuilding schools, roads and basic necessary infrastructure systems that have deteriorated over the past several decades. More than 100 GWOT mission positions have been filled by Walla Walla District soldiers and civilian volunteers.

Support to the Nation



For more information contact:

Public Affairs Office, Walla Walla District
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
201 N. 3rd Avenue, Walla Walla, WA 99362
Phone: (509) 527-7020
Email: cenww-pa@usace.army.mil
Web site: www.nww.usace.army.mil

