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Attention All River Users McNary Pool (Lake Wallula) Temporay Lowering to Elevation 335.0' July 9 – 16, 2006

Preparation and repair work at the Port of Benton barge slip will begin 9 July and continue through 16 July, 2006. The lowered pool is necessary for laying base rock to the access road of the slip.

During this time the forebay elevation at McNary Lock & Dam will be lowered to 335.0', authorized minimum operating pool elevation, according to the schedule below. For reference, in June 2006 the average forebay elevation at McNary, from the 1st of the month through the 27th was 338.54'. Therefore, anticipate McNary pool elevation to be lowered by 3+ feet.

9 July at 6:00 p.m. - Begin lowering McNary Pool to elevation 335.0'

11 July through 15 July – Hold pool elevation to 335.0'

16 July at 6:00 p.m. – Begin filling McNary Pool to typical pool elevation.

Potential hazards in McNary Pool include the following:

- Commercial vessels - At lower than typical pool (below 337.0') beware of less than 14' draft in some areas of Ice Harbor Cut.
- Commercial vessels - the downstream lock sill at Ice Harbor is 14' at minimum pool operation of 335.0'.
- For recreational craft - If docked in these areas, boat owners should ensure their vessels are located in deep enough water to avoid damage during this time.

REMINDER

Ice Harbor Navigation Lock, Snake River mile 9.7, will be closed, July 11, 2006, for twelve hours, beginning at 6:00 a.m. and ending at 6:00 p.m.

For additional information on this matter, please call Ann Glassley, at (509) 527-7115 or Jim Bluhm (509) 527-7114. Public Notices and other navigation lock information are available on the Internet at:
<http://www.nww.usace.army.mil/html/offices/op/t/navdata/default.html>

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