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Lower Granite Dam lock goes back into service

Pomeroy, Wash. – The navigation lock at Lower Granite Lock and Dam went back into service Feb. 15 at approximately 10 a.m., according to an operations official from the Walla Walla District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The gate was placed temporarily out of service on Wednesday evening when lock operators experienced difficulties with the gate. Divers inspected the gate on Thursday for any obstructions that might be affecting the operation of the gate – none was found. The Corps de-watered the lock Thursday evening, and a team of engineers inspected the gate on Friday.

A seal that had been replaced in last years lock maintenance was determined to be the cause of the difficulties with closing the gate. The seal was greased, and the gate operated normally. The lock was re-watered Friday evening and put back into service today.

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