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Corps lowering Lake Wallula for work on Ice Harbor Dam lock

Walla Walla, Wash., — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Walla Walla District Operation Division officials said today that Lake Wallula, the pool behind McNary Dam, will be approximately one foot lower by Monday, March 3.

The pool was scheduled to be below 337 feet on March 6 to allow work on the lower navigation lock gate at Ice Harbor Dam. Lowering of the pool is now anticipated to occur a few days earlier than previously planned, due to increased power needs when the Columbia Generating Station was taken out of service this morning.

Annual lock maintenance is scheduled for McNary Dam on the Columbia River, Ice Harbor, Lower Monumental, Little Goose and Lower Granite on the Snake River, March 8 – 22. The locks will be out of operation at this time.

The pool at McNary could go as low as 335 feet during the outage. Access to some marinas and grain ports in McNary pool may be limited during this time. The levels on the lower Snake River below Ice Harbor Dam are also affected and are expected to be lower and will fluctuate.

The locks and pool elevation will return to normal operation at the end of the outage on March 22.

The elevation of the pool at McNary on Friday, Feb. 28 was 338.7 feet above mean sea level. The operating range of the pool is 335 to 340 feet. The pool normally operates at 337 to 340 feet.

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