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New docks improve Dworshak recreation opportunities

Orofino , Idaho – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has added several new destination docks for visitors at nearby Dworshak Dam and Reservoir, Walla Walla District recreation officials announced today.

The Dworshak maintenance crew, along with dozens of local volunteers and several manufacturer representatives, began assembling the new docks on Aug. 22. The team completed two docks that day, and a third dock on the next day. The first new dock was placed near Merry's Bay on Aug. 25, just in time for the Labor Day holiday.

"Labor Day weekend is one of our biggest recreation periods," said Mike Deitrick, park manager at Dworshak. "Visitors were all over the new dock."

The second dock was placed in Elk Creek on Sept. 4. Natural Resources personnel plan to install the third dock on the main reservoir across from Cranberry Creek by Friday. Another dock is targeted for assembly and installation near Drift Creek in the spring.

Dworshak officials credit volunteers for the quick assembly and installation of the new docks. "We've worked hard to involve the public in our recreation planning," said Deitrick. "In recent years, we've enjoyed a great support from the local community. They care about their recreation assets. We appreciate their support and involvement."

The Corps purchased 110 floating dock sections last year. Dworshak officials also got a grant from the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Waterways Improvement Fund for anchoring

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systems, lights, ladders and benches needed to complete the destination docks and the handling dock improvements.

For more information about recreation opportunities at Dworshak, contact the Natural Resources Office at (208) 476-1261.

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