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Dworshak Dam and Reservoir winter operating hours noted

Orofino, Idaho., -- The season has changed at Dworshak Dam and Reservoir and so have the opportunities for recreation.

This winter, the Dworshak Visitor Center will be open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. and closed Dec. 25 – Jan. 4 for the holidays.

The Viewpoint RV camping and Merry's Bay recreation areas have closed for the season, along with Dent Acres campground and boat launch. The boat ramp will reopen in early March, weather permitting, and the campground will re-open in April.

"It's not too early to make your campsite reservations for the Dent summer season," said Mike Deitrick, Dworshak Dam and Reservoir park manager. Reservations can be made by calling the National Recreation Reservation Service at (877) 444-6777 or online at www.ReserveUSA.com.

Boat ramps remain open at Big Eddy and Bruce's Eddy for the heartiest of outdoor recreationists, said Deitrick.

"Safety is the Corps' greatest concern. Winter weather conditions may cause the ramps to become slippery. Please exercise caution when launching and loading," said Deitrick.

The road to and from the visitor center can be challenging during inclement weather and icy this time of year he also noted.

"Boaters should be aware that weather conditions can change rapidly on the reservoir. File a float plan with friends or relatives, avoid drinking alcohol while boating, dress for the season and be sure to wear a Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device at all times," said Deitrick.

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