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Corps' women leaders featured at upcoming Whitman panel talk

Walla Walla, Wash. – Several key members of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from around the Pacific Northwest, all leaders in various elements of the Northwestern Division at its districts in Portland, Seattle and Walla Walla, will participate in a public discussion panel at Whitman College next month, according to campus and Corps officials.”

We're delighted to be part of this showcase of women who have succeeded and excelled in fields traditionally dominated by men," said Dora Reyes, Equal Employment Opportunity Manager for the Corps' Walla Walla District. "Our panelists are women who have made many contributions to the work of the Corps and the Army, here at home and overseas."

Corps panelists will include: Debby Chenoweth and Diane Parks, each serves as Chief of Operations Division for the Portland and Seattle districts, respectively. In their positions, they make critical regional decisions about and oversee all aspect of dams, hydropower, recreation and environmental restoration for facilities in parts of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana; Linda Kirts, Chief Counsel and senior attorney and advisor for the Walla Walla District, who served as a defense department civilian during Operations Desert Shield and Storm during the Gulf War in 1991; and, Yvonne Finley, a senior contracting officer for the Walla Walla District, responsible for the commitment of millions of taxpayer dollars annually to sustain operations at dams operated by the district. Finley also serves the nation as a lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserve.

The panel presentation is set for March 9 at 7 p.m. in Ballroom B of the Reid Center on the Whitman campus. The program entitled "The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers -- Women Shattering the Glass Ceiling" will be moderated by Gay Ernst, who heads the Walla Walla District's Logistics Management Office.

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