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July 4th holiday is a great time to enjoy Corps parks; leave a few things at home, remember 'safety first' when visiting

Walla Walla, Wash. -- The upcoming July 4th holiday weekend is a great time to visit parks and recreation facilities operated by the Walla Walla District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Enjoy the facilities, but remember that personal fireworks are not allowed on Corps property. Recreation officials encourage visitors to attend local fireworks displays in the communities near the parks.

It's also a time to remember safety whenever playing in, on or near the water. Corps facilities attract many visitors, especially during warmer seasons. Take advantage of opportunities to picnic, camp, fish, boat, swim and enjoy the Corps' scenic rivers and lakes. A few rules apply to help make the experience a safe and happy one for everybody – because safety is everyone's responsibility:

- Swim with a buddy
- Diving or jumping into the water from objects (land or watercraft) is not permitted on Corps-managed waters
- Wear properly fitting life preservers
- Don't operate a vessel under the influence of intoxicants
- Please, pack out whatever you pack in – litter pollutes the environment

Some areas have local restrictions on open fires, so remember to check with park managers and rangers when visiting recreation areas. A few other limits are also in place. Leave firearms and other weapons at home. Alcohol is not permitted on Corps properties in Washington. Corps natural resource staffers, as well as local law enforcement officials, will be patrolling throughout the holiday weekend to assist visitors.

Make it a safe and happy holiday weekend for everybody. For more information, visit the Corps' web site on recreation at: www.nww.usace.army.mil/corpsoutdoors/. For campground reservation information, visit www.reserveusa.com or call 877-444-6777. District-operated parks and recreation facilities include:

Oregon

Columbia River

McNary Project and Lake Wallula near Umatilla, Ore. – Sand Station, McNary Beach and Warehouse Beach.

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Washington

Mill Creek

Mill Creek Project and Bennington Lake near Walla Walla, Wash. – Rook's Park, Mill Creek Recreation Trail and Bennington Lake recreation area.

Snake River

Ice Harbor Project and Lake Sacajawea near Burbank, Wash. – Ice Harbor Dam Visitor Center, Hood Park, Charbonneau Park, Windust Park, Levey Park and Fishhook Park.

Lower Monumental Project and Lake West near Kahlotus, Wash. – Ayer Boat Basin, Devils Bench, Matthews, Riparia and Texas Rapids.

Little Goose Project and Lake Bryan near Starbuck, Wash. – Illia Dunes, Illia Landing and Willow Landing.

Lower Granite Project and Lower Granite Lake near Pomeroy, Wash – Chief Timothy Habitat Management Unit, Greenbelt Ramp, Lewiston Levee Parkway, Southway Ramp, Swallows Park, Nisqually John Landing, Offfield Landing and Wawawai Landing.

Idaho

North Fork of the Clearwater River

Dworshak Project and Reservoir near Orofino, Idaho – Dworshak Dam and the View point, North Fork River Visitor Center, Powerhouse Road, Big Eddy, Bruces Eddy, Canyon Creek, Cold Springs Group Camp, Dent Acres, Dent Acres Group Camp, Granddad, Merrys Bay, Picnic Glen and all mini-camps.

Boise River

Lucky Peak Dam and Lake, near Boise, Idaho – Barclay Bay, Turner Gulch, Foote Park, View Point, Mack's Creek, Moore's Creek and Robie Creek.