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Corps announces toll free Dam Info; crossing days extended at Lower Granite; Little Goose Dam to open

Walla Walla, Wash. - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announces a new toll free line. The number, 1-888-DAMINFO (326- 4636) can be used to get up-to-date dam crossing information.

“We live in an environment of change,” explains Park Ranger Darren Opp. “By providing this line, we hope to give our visitors the access to latest information, so that they can keep up with the changes.”

“Currently the toll free line provides Lower Granite and Little Goose dams access information,” added Opp.

An example of an upcoming change is that visitors will temporarily be able to cross Lower Granite Dam six days a week. The schedule has been extended from Monday – Thursdays to include Fridays and Saturdays. The change is part of a test that started back in December for opening the dam to public crossing, said Opp.

During the month of April, Lower Granite Lock and Dam will be open for crossing 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday. The public is reminded that large, commercial vehicles, trucks, vehicles hauling flammable or explosive cargo and vehicles that cannot be easily searched still will not be allowed to cross the dam. Photo identification is required of those 16 years of age and older, and all firearms must be declared.

At Little Goose, the Corps will open the roadway crossing the dam to public traffic on a limited basis during Spring Chinook Salmon season. That dates of the opening will coincide with those of the fishing season.

During the Spring Chinook Salmon season, Little Goose Lock and Dam will be open for crossing every half hour from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday and is closed on holidays. Large, commercial vehicles, trucks, vehicles hauling flammable or explosive cargo and vehicles that cannot be easily searched will not be allowed to cross the dam. Tour and school buses must contact the dam 24 hours in advance in order to cross, (509) 399-2233 ext. 231.

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All vehicles crossing the dam are subject to a search. All recreation vehicles will be searched. Passenger cars, motorcycles, open trucks, recreation vehicles, small vans and farm equipment, with the exception of fuel trucks, will be allowed to cross.

Photo identification is required, and passengers 16 years of age and up must also display photo identification. All firearms must be declared at the gate and be unloaded.

Foreign nationals with proper identification may cross the dam.

“The security guards are authorized to perform detailed vehicle searches and to deny vehicle access across the dam,” said Carl Knaak, Little Goose Operations manager.

It is important to note that there can still be closures. The Corps may at any time close access to traffic for extended periods of time due to operations, maintenance or construction-related activities at the project. A change in security conditions could also terminate public access across the dam until such time as that the threat levels decrease.

For more information, call Lower Granite Dam at (509) 843-1493 x 262. For Little Goose Dam, call (509) 399-2233, ext. 231.

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