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## Onion Man Triathlon on May 29 will effect Bennington Lake traffic

**Walla Walla, Wash.,** – The annual Onion Man Triathlon will be held at U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Bennington Lake for parts of the May 29 event, according to a Corps recreation official. An awards ceremony will be held at Bennington Lake after the competition. This triathlon will use one lane on Reservoir Road for race traffic and the other for public traffic for the safety of competitors who will swim, ride and run.

"Reservoir Road travelers will experience traffic delays for from about 8 a.m. until around 1:30 p.m.," said Michael Jaroski, a Corps park ranger at the Mill Creek Project Office.

The day's events start at 9 a.m. with a 1.5 kilometer swim at the lake, followed by a 40 kilometer bicycle route starting from the lake, moving to an off-site course and returning to the lake via Reservoir Road, and finishing up with a 10 kilometer run using the bike path through Rook's Park. Following the competition, event participants will hold their awards presentation ceremonies and barbecue at Bennington Lake.

"We want to make sure that the public is aware that all our facilities at the lake and in the park, with the exception of the boat ramp, will be open for use on this date as always and operating on regular summer schedules. However, there will be traffic congestion that may occur during the bike and run events. "We recognize that this is a holiday weekend and there may be a temporary inconvenience and delays for our visiting public," Jaroski said.

For information about the Corps' Mill Creek Project, which includes Bennington Lake and Rook's Park, call Operations Manager Steve Thompson or Park Ranger Michael Jaroski at (509) 527-7160.

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