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Lucky Peak Dam 50th Anniversary slated for Thursday

Boise, Idaho – A celebration commemorating the 50th anniversary of Lucky Peak Dam’s construction will take place on Thursday, June 23, at Discovery State Park (entrance to Lucky Peak)

The public is invited to attend the official ceremony and festivities which start at 10 a.m.

Activities will include:

- Captain William Clark in period dress for storytelling about life on the Lewis and Clark trail;
- Historical Foote House display and interpretation by Idaho Historical Society;
- Lucky Peak Power Plant tours beginning every 20 minutes from 12:30-3:30 p.m.;
- Lucky Peak Nursery of the Boise National Forest tours at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.;

Tours are open to the public. Space is limited and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis (photo ID required).

Lucky Peak Dam, is a “rolled earth-filled dam”, 250 feet high and 1700 feet long at the crest, located eight miles upstream from Boise. It was built by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on the Boise River to provide flood control, water for irrigation and recreation.

Construction of Lucky Peak Dam began in November 1949 and five years later the dam became operational and the lake was filled. A dedication was held on June 23, 1955.

Facilities at Lucky Peak include: the Dam, the Lake, drive-to and boat-in public recreational areas and over 4,000 acres of Federally-owned lands managed by the Corps for flood control, fish and wildlife management. Each year, over 1.3 million people utilize Lucky Peak’s recreational facilities.

The U.S. Forest Service operates Lucky Peak Nursery – one of seven regional forest service nurseries in the nation. Bureau of Reclamation and the Corps work closely to coordinate water storage between the Bureau’s Arrowrock and Andersen Ranch Dams upstream of Lucky Peak and downstream of Diversion Dam. Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation leases and manages Spring Shores Marina and Lucky Peak State Park (Sandy Point), the most visited state park in Idaho.

Idaho Department of Fish and Game’s Boise River Wildlife Management Area lies within these boundaries and is home to the largest mule deer winter range in the state.

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