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Dworshak staff encourages safe July 4 fun

Orofino, Idaho -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers encourages and invites visitors to come use all the facilities at Dworshak Dam and Reservoir but, it's important to remember to leave some things behind, according to Corps park and recreation officials.

Fireworks of any kind are prohibited in all the Corps' parks and on its lands across the District. Restrictions aren't intended to limit visitors' ability to celebrate but rather to help all visitors have an incident-free occasion.

The Corps and law enforcement officials will be out patrolling facilities all weekend and through the holiday, said Mike Deitrick, Corps Park Manager for Dworshak Dam and Reservoir.

“If we find people lighting or in possession of fireworks on Corps property, we'll ask to them to remove the items immediately to resolve the situation,” said Deitrick. “We hope visitors will recognize and appreciate that safety is everybody's responsibility, and the very last thing we ever want to have to do is end up writing a citation for someone.”

In addition, the reserving of mini-camp sites along the Dworshak Reservoir shoreline is prohibited. Early placement of camping equipment at mini-camp sites intended to ensure a spot for the July 4 weekend can result in the removal of the camping equipment or a citation.

Please enjoy the reservoir safely this weekend, by taking the following precautions:

- Changing weather conditions can create unsafe situations on open water. Know the weather forecasts and have a float plan.
- Keep life jackets on children while on or around the water.
- Don't let small children out of your sight.
- Check the serviceability of your boat.
- Ensure proper-fitting, accessible and serviceable life vests are available for each occupant on your boat. Remember, life vests only work well when people wear them.
- Familiarize yourself with the area you will be boating before proceeding at higher speeds. There may be floating debris, rocks, stumps or shallow areas not visible from the surface.

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The Dworshak Dam Visitor Center is open daily from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. The Visitor Center offers a variety of interpretive displays and movies about Dworshak and the history of the area, including the popular “Last of the Log Drives.” Tours of the dam are scheduled for 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. daily.

Gas sales at the Big Eddy Marina will be from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m., July 1-4.

Make it a safe and happy holiday weekend for everybody. For more information, visitors are welcome to call the Corps 1-800-321-3198, the Visitor Center at 208-476-1255 or Dworshak State Park at 208-476-5994. Information about other Corps recreation opportunities in the region is available on the Walla Walla District Web site at www.nww.usace.army.mil/corpsoutdoors/.

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