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Special evening program on bats at the Dworshak Visitor Center

Orofino, Idaho -- The public is invited to a special evening program about bats at the Dworshak Dam and Reservoir Visitor Center on July 16 at 8 p.m.

Join Brian Buttazoni, park ranger for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, for this free program on the natural history of bats.

“Bats are highly beneficial and important animals, but misunderstood by many,” said Buttazoni. “During the program, visitors will see photographs of bats living around the world, hear the sounds they create and take a rare evening stroll on the top of the Dworshak Dam to view any bat activity.”

The program will start at 8 p.m. in the visitor center by watching a slide program in the auditorium that describes what bats eat, where they live and how we benefit from them. Afterward, Buttazoni will take visitors across the top of the dam to observe any bats flying about the area. This is a special occasion because security requirements normally do not permit visitors on the dam.

The gate to the visitor center will open at 7:45 p.m. and close at 8:15 p.m. The program will last about 1½ hours, and visitors should dress accordingly. Those interested in going out onto the dam as a part of this program, must present photo identification. Visitors will not be allowed to bring in purses, bags, cameras, briefcases and similar items on top of the dam. For more information on the program, call the visitor center at (208) 476-1255 or (208) 476-1261.

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