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Corps locks to close for maintenance March 11-25

WALLA WALLA, Wash. – For two weeks in March the only traffic going up and down the Columbia and lower Snake rivers will be fish.

River traffic will be stopped from 6 a.m. on March 11 to 11:59 p.m. on March 25 at the eight dams between Portland, Ore., and Lewiston, Idaho, so the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and its contractors can perform annual inspections, repairs and maintenance on the navigation locks at the eight dams between Portland, Ore., and Lewiston, Idaho.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers coordinates the annual outage with inland shippers and cruise lines.

Locks are normally dewatered for a complete inspection every five years. Full dewatering of the navigation lock is scheduled this year for Ice Harbor, Lower Monumental and John Day. Dewatering permits the Corps to perform a more extensive inspection of the lock chamber, gates and valves. For more information on the lock closures at McNary, Ice Harbor, Lower Monumental, Little Goose and Lower Granite, contact the Walla Walla District Public Affairs Office at (509) 527- 7020, and for the lock outages at Bonneville, The Dalles and John Day, contact the Portland District Public Affairs Office at (503) 808-4510.

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