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Lower Granite Dam fish facilities media tour set for April 28

WALLA WALLA, Wash. – Print and broadcast media outlets are invited to participate in a media-access tour of Lower Granite Dam’s juvenile salmon and steelhead facilities on Friday, April 28. Advanced confirmation of intent to participate is necessary due to security operations at the facilities.

Participants will start out from the Lower Granite Dam Visitor Center promptly at 8 a.m. with little or no opportunity for late arrivals to catch up to the tour group.

Various Army Corps of Engineers subject-matter experts from the dam, natural resources, project management officials, fish research coordinators, NOAA-Fisheries and Washington State Dept. of Fish and Wildlife will be on hand to discuss several aspects of the Corps’ salmon stewardship programs. The tour will include several areas around the dam to get photos, video and interviews.

This is an excellent opportunity for media organizations to update stock photographs and video footage of a variety of Corps-program topics – juvenile fish facilities, surface bypass structures (RSW), juvenile fish transportation program, adult salmon and steelhead passage, public recreation facilities, PIT tagging operations and other Corps-sponsored fish research, just to name a few.

Lower Granite Dam is located approximately 27 miles from Pullman, Wash., and 56 miles from Lewiston, Idaho, both of which have public airports. For reasons of safety equipment planning (some tour stops require special gear) and to establish parking needs and media information kits, media representatives intending to participate in the tour are asked to call the Walla Walla District Public Affairs Office at **(509) 527-7020**, or email to **cenww-pa@usace.army.mil**, by noon, Wednesday, April 26. Upon request, PAO can provide a road-detail map in PDF-format to those who plan to attend.

Media participants are required to wear closed-toe, sturdy, but comfortable, walking shoes (no high heels, sandals, etc. are allowed for safety reasons,) and should plan to dress for weather conditions. Contact the Walla Walla District Public Affairs Office by phone or email, if you plan to attend.

Media participants who will be visiting locations inside the secured areas of the dam (all areas on the tour except the visitor center) must be U.S. citizens and have U.S.-issued photo identification on their person on arrival at the dam. Non-U.S. citizens and those without identification will be left behind outside the secure areas without exception.

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