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## Lucky Peak staff schedules ‘rooster tail’ displays

**BOISE, Idaho** – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers plans to discharge water through Lucky Peak Dam’s “flip bucket” outlet structure (located at the powerhouse) to create the classic “rooster tail,” which is historically one of the area’s most popular attractions.

The two-hour displays are scheduled for 7 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, May 20, and from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 21. The “rooster tail” discharge through the dam’s outlet slide gates sends water dozens of feet into the air, creating an arch of spray into the Boise River. With the exception of a brief display during Lucky Peak’s 50th Anniversary celebration on June 25, 2005, this outlet has not been operated the last several years due to lack of available water. Depending on lake surface elevations, the “rooster tail” has been observed reaching heights up to about 150 feet. Current lake conditions may not result in the maximum height.

The “rooster tail” display typically attracts a large viewing audience. To get there from Boise, travel east on Interstate 84 for about 2 miles, take the state Highway 21/Gowen Road exit (Exit 57) toward Idaho City for about one-tenth of a mile, turn left onto East Gowen Road/ Highway 21 (Warm Springs Ave.) for about 6.5 miles and follow the signs to Lucky Peak Dam.

Visitors can park at either Sandy Point State Park or Discovery State Park, both operated by Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation. Parking will not be allowed along Highway 21 or along the access road to Sandy Point or on top of Lucky Peak Dam. Parking is limited and traffic congestion is expected.

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