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## Storm damage in Corps parks cancels NavLock classes for recreational boaters

**BURBANK, Wash.** – This morning, Ice Harbor Lock and Dam officials cancelled navigation lock classes planned for today and Sunday, so park rangers could address storm damage that occurred over night in U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' parks along the lower Snake River near Burbank, Wash., and along the Columbia River in the Tri-Cities, Wash.

Last night's severe thunderstorm, with its heavy rains and 70 mph winds, toppled trees and scattered fallen limbs in high-use parks near the dam. Park rangers' early-Saturday morning assessments reported a power outage at Hood Park and a minor mudslide at Fishhook Park. Natural resources staff are evaluating other Walla Walla District recreation areas for storm damage and coordinating cleanup efforts. No parks were closed, however rangers caution visitors to be careful of debris on the ground and hanging in tree limbs.

The navigation lockage schedule for recreational boaters is still in effect and posted online at [www.nww.usace.army.mil/html/offices/op/t/navdata/publicnotice0604.pdf](http://www.nww.usace.army.mil/html/offices/op/t/navdata/publicnotice0604.pdf) . Boaters using the locks to pass dams on the rivers are encouraged to read the Corps' safe lockage policy and the pamphlet "How to Lock Through" posted on the District's navigation Web page at [www.nww.usace.army.mil/html/offices/op/t/navdata/default.html](http://www.nww.usace.army.mil/html/offices/op/t/navdata/default.html) .

For more information about Walla Walla District's parks and recreation opportunities, check out <http://www.nww.usace.army.mil/corpsoutdoors/> .

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