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Corps invites public input to update Lake Wallula shoreline management plan

WALLA WALLA, Wash. – The Walla Walla District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will hold a public meeting Sept. 18 to discuss management strategies and issues along federally managed shorelines on Lake Wallula including the Columbia and Snake Rivers in Tri-Cities, Wash.

The public is encouraged to attend a pre-event open house from 5-6:30 p.m., followed by the scoping meeting from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Columbia Basin College's Gjerde Multipurpose Room located at 2600 North 20th Ave., in Pasco, Wash.

Meeting participants will discuss balancing increasing demands for public shoreline use with the changing requirements, then explore options for shoreline management. The public will be provided the opportunity to ask questions, discuss concerns and provide ideas for future management.

The purpose for the meeting is to receive public input on updating the McNary Lakeshore Management Plan, last revised in 1983. Environmental and cultural resource requirements have changed significantly, necessitating management updates as well as a review of the permitting process for private boat docks and vegetation modifications.

Corps staff will present an overview of the existing plan and discuss current requirements, followed by a question-and-answer period with a panel of technical experts and an issue identification session. The issue session will provide attendees an opportunity to identify and prioritize concerns for consideration in future management of the Lake Wallula shoreline.

For information regarding this meeting or Lake Wallula, contact Mike Swenson with the Corps at (509) 543-6062.

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