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## **Lower Granite NavLock temporarily closed to recreational boats; commercial shippers may experience delays**

**POMEROY, Wash.** – The navigation lock at Lower Granite Lock and Dam, located at Snake River mile 107.5, temporarily closed to recreational vessels today, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers navigation officials at the Walla Walla District announced today.

The temporary closure is necessary for workers to replace cables on the upstream navigation lock gate. Commercial lockages will continue to be provided for tugs and barges, but delays can be expected. The repairs are expected to be completed no later than Sunday, Oct. 8, according to district navigation officials.

“We need to minimize the use of the lock while this work is being done,” said Marty Mendiola, operations manager at Lower Granite Lock and Dam. “We want to get in there and fix things as quickly as possible so that we can continue providing safe, efficient passage up and down the river. This facility is a key part of an infrastructure system that aids the region’s economy.”

Lower Granite’s navigation lock on the lower Snake River is part of the federal inland channel system that provides navigation from the mouth of the Columbia River near Astoria, Ore., to port facilities on the rivers in Lewiston-Clarkston. Transporters shipped 17.5 million tons of products through the lower Snake River locks in 2005.

Public Notices and other navigation lock information are available on the Walla Walla District Web site at <http://www.nww.usace.army.mil/html/offices/op/t/navdata/default.html>.

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