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## **Lower Granite Dam's navigational lock returned to full-service today**

### **Open to commercial and recreational traffic**

**POMEROY, Wash.** – The navigational lock at Lower Granite Lock and Dam returned to full service today at 1 p.m., and is open for commercial and recreational service according to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers officials.

The lock's operations were impacted on Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> when the gate-hoisting cables on the north side of the upstream lock gate broke during lockage operations. The lock, located at Snake River mile 107.5, remained open to commercial vessels and closed to recreational vessels throughout the week.

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. Between 800-900 lockages are performed at Lower Granite each year, according to District navigation officials.

Public Notices and other navigation lock information are available on the Walla Walla District Web site 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).

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