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Three-day lock closure set for Little Goose upstream gate repair work; Lower Monumental lock slated for two-day outage during same period

WALLA WALLA, Wash. – Repair work needed at navigation locks on the lower Snake River will temporarily close two dams to commercial navigation traffic during a few days in April, according to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers navigation officials at the Walla Walla District.

Little Goose Lock and Dam's navigation lock, located at Snake River mile 70.3, will close for three days, April 13-15, to perform work on the upstream lock gate which was damaged March 21. The lock will resume its interim, night-time lock schedule for commercial vessels at 7 p.m. on April 16. The night-time lockage schedule will remain in effect until gate repairs are completed on or about May 1. All recreational craft lockages are cancelled until the lock returns to full service.

Little Goose Lock gate-repair outage schedule:

Friday Evening, April 13 – No lockage

Saturday Evening, April 14 – No lockage

Sunday Evening, April 15 – No lockage

*Interim bulkhead lockages resume Monday evening, April 16, at 7 p.m.

During the interim floating bulkhead lockage for commercial vessels at Little Goose, the first lockage of the evening will begin at 7 p.m., downstream, with the last downstream lockage at 4 a.m. and the last upstream lockage at 5 a.m. The floating bulkhead must be in place for contractors to begin their work at 7 a.m. All lockages must be completed before the 7 a.m. repair work schedule begins each day.

The navigation lock at **Lower Monumental Lock and Dam**, located at Snake River mile 41.6, will close to river traffic Friday, April 13, and Saturday, April 14, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Lockages will resume each evening on these days.

Inspection and necessary repairs of the navigation lock electrical switch gear will take place at Lower Monumental's lock during the outage times.

Lower Monumental Lock switch gear-repair outage schedule:

Friday, April 13, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. – No lockage

Saturday, April 14, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. – No lockage

*Normal lockages resume at 5 p.m. on these days.

Lower Monumental's lock closure was scheduled in conjunction with repair work needed at Little Goose's navigation lock to minimize the total number of days affected by lock outages, according to Corps operations officials.

Public Notices and other navigation lock information are available on the Internet at:
www.nww.usace.army.mil/html/offices/op/t/navdata/default.html .

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