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Corps to place temporary fire restrictions on recreation lands around Dworshak Reservoir

AHSAHKA, Idaho – Recreationists planning to visit Dworshak Dam and Reservoir should be aware of fire-risk conditions and temporary fire restrictions to become effective Friday, Aug. 3.

Wildfire managers for the Idaho Department of Lands have requested the temporary fire restrictions to be put in place on all lands around Dworshak Reservoir managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. This includes all developed campgrounds and mini-camps, according to Deb Norton, park ranger for the Corps at Dworshak.

Forest vegetation around the reservoir has reached very dry conditions, creating a high risk for wildfires. To reduce the fire risk, campfires – including those using charcoal briquettes – will be prohibited beginning Aug. 3. This limitation will be in effect until fire-risk conditions change.

“Visitors should take extra precautions not with other sources of ignition, such as cigarettes and vehicle exhaust systems. Visitors should carry a shovel, bucket and fire extinguisher in case of accidental fires,” said Norton.

All recreationists are asked to please contact the Sheriff’s office or Dworshak personnel if they see potential problems or issues with fires or suspicious smoke.

For more information about recreation opportunities or fire conditions at Dworshak, contact the ranger staff at (208) 476-1255. Information on recreation is also available on the Corps’ Walla Walla District Web site at www.nww.usace.army.mil.

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