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## Lucky Peak staff announce Winter recreation opportunities

**BOISE, Idaho** – Winter can be a wonderful time to enjoy U.S. Army Corps of Engineer recreation facilities on the Boise River, operated by the Walla Walla District.

Outdoors enthusiasts can enjoy scenic river views while taking advantage of picnicking, camping, fishing, boating and hunting opportunities at Lucky Peak Dam and Lake recreation sites. Some developed camping areas will reduce services to primitive camping as freezing temperatures have potential to damage plumbing systems for flush toilet and potable water facilities. "Primitive camping" means no hook-ups, flush toilets, potable water or showers – just portable or vault toilets.

Lucky Peak natural resource staff members encourage sportsmen to come fish, camp and hunt on lands managed and operated by the Corps. While visiting these public recreation areas, make the experience a safe and happy one for everybody by following a few rules, because safety is everyone's responsibility.

Boaters must ensure U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal floatation devices are on board for each person – children 14 and younger are required to wear PFDs when underway in boats up to 19 feet in length. State boating, hunting and fishing regulations apply to visitors at Corps sites. Hunting on Corps property is allowed in designated areas only.

Colder temperatures increase the risk of hypothermia occurring when exposed to cold and/or damp weather conditions for long periods of time or when swimming in cold water. Hypothermia results when a person experiences a critical lowering of core body temperature, so stay warm and dry while enjoying winter outdoor recreation opportunities.

Recreation areas associated with Lucky Peak Dam and Lake on the Boise River are listed as follows:

**Contact information unless stated otherwise:** Lucky Peak Dam and Lake. Telephone: (208) 343-0671. Email: LuckyPeakLake@usace.army.mil.

**All Lucky Peak parks** are open. Lake levels are changing daily and water levels may drop between 1 and 2 feet per day. Access to boat-in sites may not be conveniently reached. Visitors are encouraged to check the information kiosks located at Corps recreation facilities for a complete list of rules and regulations.

**Lucky Peak State Park** (operated by the State of Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, (208) 334-4199) – open year-round, during daylight hours. \$4 entrance fee per vehicle payable to IDPR. *Facilities:* day-use. *Getting there:* travel 10.9 miles east of Boise, Idaho, on Highway 21, proceed 1.1 miles west of Lucky Peak Dam; located at Boise River Mile 63, on the north riverbank.

**Foote Park/Lytle Gulch** – open year-round. *Facilities:* day-use, hiking/biking trail. *Getting there:* travel 12.5 miles east of Boise, Idaho, on State Highway 21, then turn right on road over dam, proceed 0.9 mile to the park.; located at Boise River Mile 63.5, on the south riverbank.

**Lucky Peak Dam Office** – open Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; closed on federal holidays. *Facilities:* day-use, visitor center, restrooms, viewpoint just east of the dam. *Getting there:* travel 11 miles east of Boise, Idaho, on Highway 21, take a right turn, and go 1 mile on access road; located at Boise River Mile 63.5, on the north riverbank.

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**Turner Gulch** – boat ramp open year-round. Once parking lot is full, please use Barclay Bay parking lot. Do not park on pavement or any environmental feature. *Facilities:* day-use, boat ramp. \$3 boat launch fee, payable to USACE. *Getting there:* travel 12 miles east of Boise, Idaho, on State Highway 21, turn right on road over the dam and proceed 1 mile to the park; located at Boise River Mile 64, on the south riverbank.

**Barclay Bay** – open year-round. Receding lake levels have prompted managers to close Barclay Bay boat ramps – use Turner Gulch or Spring Shores boat ramps. *Facilities:* day-use, boat ramp. \$3 boat launch fee payable to USACE. Barclay Bay Beach is closed for the season. No pets allowed in beach area. No glass containers allowed. No garbage services available: you pack it in, you pack it out! *Getting there:* travel 12 miles east of Boise, Idaho, on State Highway 21. Turn right on road over the dam, and proceed 0.7 mile to the park; located at Boise River Mile 64, on the south riverbank.

**Spring Shores Marina** (operated by the State of Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, (208) 336-9505) – open year-round, during daylight hours. \$4 entrance fee per vehicle payable to IDPR. *Facilities:* day-use, boat ramp, marina, restrooms. *Getting there:* travel 18 miles east of Boise, Idaho, on State Highway 21. Take a right turn and go 1.1 miles east on Arrowrock Dam Road; located at Boise River Mile 70.5, on the north riverbank.

**Macks Creek** – open year-round. *Facilities:* day-use, boat ramp, day shelters, tie-up dock, limited primitive camping (3-day limit), placing of items to "reserve" a site is prohibited. Pets must remain leashed at all times. No garbage services: you pack it in, you pack it out! Recreational vehicles prohibited. Quiet hours are 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

**Little Macks Creek RV Camp Site** – Currently under construction for site improvements – access may be periodically restricted. *Facilities:* about 8 rustic RV sites. *Getting there:* travel 18 miles east of Boise, Idaho, on State Highway 21, take a right turn and proceed 4.5 miles east on Arrowrock Dam Road; located at Boise River Mile 73, on the north riverbank.

For more information about Walla Walla District's outdoor recreation opportunities, check out their Web site at: [www.nww.usace.army.mil/corpsoutdoors/](http://www.nww.usace.army.mil/corpsoutdoors/).