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Walla Walla District

Media Advisory

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MEDIA ADVISORY

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Walla Walla District invites members of the news media to attend a briefing and interview subject matter experts on efforts to reduce safety risk at Dworshak Dam.

The briefing is set for Wednesday, Feb. 20, at 4 p.m. at the Lower Granite Natural Resource Office, located at 100 Fair Street in Clarkston, Washington. A second briefing is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at Dworshak Dam's Visitor Center in Ahsahka, Idaho. The Visitor Center is located at the top of the dam. To get there, travel 5 miles west of Orofino, Idaho, on Highway 7 to Ahsahka. Follow signs to the Visitor Center for 2 miles.

Background:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) owns and operates 610 dams serving a variety of purposes including navigation, flood risk assessment, water supply, irrigation, hydropower, recreation, environmental enhancement, and combinations of these purposes. To ensure these dams do not present unacceptable risks to the public, USACE developed and is implementing a risk-based process to prioritize dam safety deficiencies on a nationwide basis. As part of this process, USACE dams are being screened and assigned a safety classification rating. The new dam safety classification system spotlights dams and navigation locks with compelling problems first, so a national priority can be assigned for funding, studies, investigations and remedial work.

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