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## Nesting eagles prompt closing areas of Dworshak

**WALLA WALLA, Wash.** – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers officials here have closed public access to several areas of Dworshak Dam and Reservoir after bald eagle pairs were observed nesting in those locations.

The Merry's Bay trail, the trail west of Cold Springs Camp, and minicamp 26 near Magnus Bay, along with associated gates in those areas, are closed until further notice.

Bald eagles are currently protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA). The BGEPA prohibits anyone, without a permit issued by the Secretary of the Interior for very limited scientific or educational purposes, to "take" bald eagles. BGEPA defines "take" to include: pursue, shoot, shoot at, poison, wound, kill, capture, trap, collect, molest or disturb.

"We request the public's help in protecting these nest sites by respecting the temporary closures and reporting any violations to the Corps," said Russ Davis, wildlife biologist.

Dworshak Dam and Reservoir is located near Orofino, Idaho.

For more information, or to report a violation of the temporary closures, call (208) 476-1203.

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