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Corps announces “on-request” lockage service for boaters in Walla Walla District

WALLA WALLA, Wash. – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers navigation officials have announced the recreational vessel lockage schedule, to accommodate summer season river traffic past Walla Walla District dams, will end Sept. 15, 2008.

Beginning Sept. 16, recreational vessel lockage requests can be made only during daylight hours at Walla Walla District’s navigation locks on the Columbia and lower Snake rivers.

McNary Dam	Columbia River Mile 292
Ice Harbor Dam	Snake River Mile 9.7
Lower Monumental Dam	Snake River Mile 41.6
Little Goose Dam	Snake River Mile 70.3
Lower Granite Dam	Snake River Mile 107.3

The “on-request” lockages will continue through May 14, 2009.

Commercial vessels continue to have lockage precedence over recreational vessels. Recreational vessels may be allowed to lock through with commercial vessels at the discretion of the lock operator.

All vessel owner/operators lock through at their own risk and every one in the vessel must be wearing a personal floatation device (PFD) during lockage. Boaters must follow the directions of the lock operator when using the locks or operating in the vicinity of the locks. The lock operator has final authority regarding the suitability of a craft for lockage.

Boaters should refer to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Safe Lockage Policy for Recreational Craft on the Columbia and Snake Rivers for additional safety requirements. Public Notices, the Safe Lockage policy and other Walla Walla District 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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