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## Lower Monumental Lock and Dam's road crossing reopened

**KAHLOTUS, Wash.** – The road crossing at Lower Monumental Lock and Dam has reopened to public vehicle crossings on the following schedule:

Open for crossings once an hour, on the half-hour, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday and closed on federal holidays. Crossing times are 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30 and 11:30 in the morning, and 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30 and 4:30 in the afternoon. If approaching from the south shore, travelers can reach the security guard for crossing escort by calling #228 on the phone at south gate. Tour and school buses must contact the dam 24 hours in advance for authorization (509) 282-3219/3218.

Passenger cars, motorcycles, open trucks, recreation vehicles, small vans and farm equipment, with the exception of fuel trucks, will be allowed to cross. Large, commercial vehicles, trucks, vehicles hauling flammable or explosive cargo and vehicles that cannot be easily searched will not be allowed to cross the dams.

All vehicles crossing Corps dams are subject to a search. Photo identification is required for all vehicle occupants 16 years of age and older. All firearms must be unloaded and declared at the gate. Security guards are authorized to perform detailed vehicle searches and deny vehicle access across the dam. Drivers may not stop their vehicles to take pictures or sight see during escorted crossings. Pedestrian traffic across the dam is not allowed because of safety considerations.

Foreign nationals must first receive proper security clearance through the district headquarters security office. In order to obtain proper security clearance, a valid passport and if available, student or work visa, must be faxed to (509) 527-7821 or sent in the form of a PDF by email to Dave Raappana at David.W.Raappana@usace.army.mil. This must be done four weeks prior to the crossing date. Please include the name of the Corps facility and the date of crossing.

Operations officials remind the public that the district may at any time close access to traffic for extended periods of time due to operations, maintenance or construction-related activities at the dam. Cell phone coverage is often limited in the hill-country surrounding the Snake River, so travelers might want to call the hotline before starting a trip that includes crossing one of the dams.

A change in security conditions could also terminate public access across the dam until such time as threat levels decrease. The public will be notified about closures, if possible, in advance, but the crossing is still subject to closing at anytime.

Photo identification, vehicle searches and other previously listed requirements are standard policy for the public to cross at Walla Walla District dams. For current crossing schedules at dams in the Walla Walla District, call 1-888-DAM-INFO (1-888-326-4636).

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