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## Dworshak Dam and State Park open for Labor Day festivities

**Orofino, Idaho** – The Walla Walla District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers staff at Dworshak Dam and Reservoir would like to welcome everyone to come out and enjoy project lands and water during the upcoming Labor Day weekend.

While enjoying the traditional end of the summer recreation season, park rangers want visitors to be aware that the reservoir is dropping one foot per day. Despite the low water, several locations are available for boat launching. Those areas are Big Eddy, Bruces Eddy 1, Freeman Creek (Dworshak State Park) and Dent Acres Park.

Dent Acres Park is open and has sites available. Reservations can be made by calling 1-877-444-6777, or campers may register at the park.

Please be aware that campfire restrictions are still in place. To reduce the risk of wildfires, campfires (using established fire rings only) must be completely extinguished between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. This limitation will be in effect immediately until fire conditions change. Camping is allowed only in designated sites.

All facilities at Dworshak State Park are open and available. Fuel is available at Big Eddy Marina from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. daily.

Please enjoy the reservoir safely this weekend. Changing weather conditions can create unsafe situations on open water. Know weather and have a float plan. Keep life jackets on children while on or around the water. Don't let small children out of your sight. Check the serviceability of your boat. Ensure proper fitting, accessible and serviceable life vests are available for each occupant on your boat. Familiarize yourself with the area you will be boating before proceeding at higher speeds. There may be rocks, stumps or shallow areas not visible from the surface. These are some suggested precautions.

There will be regular ranger patrols, Sheriff patrols, and CPTPA fire patrols throughout the weekend on both land and water.

The Dworshak Dam Visitor Center will return to fall hours starting Sept. 24. The center will be open Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. The visitor center offers a variety of interpretive displays and movies about Dworshak and the history of the area, including the popular “Last of the Log Drives.” Daily tours of the dam at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. will be offered through Labor Day weekend and then on weekends only through September 19.

For further information, visitors are welcome to call the Corps of Engineers at 1-800-321-3198, the visitor's center at (208) 476-1255 or Dworshak State Park at (208) 476-5994. Information on recreation is also available on the Corps' Web site at [www.nww.usace.army.mil](http://www.nww.usace.army.mil).

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