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Milner Reservoir yard work may require permits

WALLA WALLA, Wash. – Before you dig, grade, rock or otherwise alter the shoreline of Milner Reservoir, consider that you may need permits from the Idaho Department of Lands and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Officials began lowering the water level at Milner Reservoir this week. The reservoir is scheduled to drop four to six feet, reaching its lowest point by Oct. 28 and will remain low until about Dec. 1. Residents are encouraged to call and find out if they need permits to work below the high-water level of Milner Reservoir. Residential work might include constructing and repairing walls, riprap, boat dock, piers and other activities.

The Corps and IDL have independent, but somewhat similar, rules and permitting requirements for performing work in the reservoir and the Snake River. To aid the public they have adopted an identical application form called the Joint Application for Permit. The form, once completed is sent to each of the cooperating agencies and each agency then makes separate and independent decisions.

A Joint Application for Permit can be obtained by contacting one of the offices below or visit www.nww.usace.army.mil/html/offices/op/rf/Pamphlet/applinfo.htm.

Please, contact each of these agencies before you perform work, preferably several weeks before you plan to start the work.

The points of contact are:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Walla Walla District

Idaho Falls Regulatory Office 900 North Skyline Drive, Suite A Idaho Falls, Idaho 83404 Mr. Robert Brochu (208) 522-1645 Mr. James Joyner (208) 522-1676

Fax (208) 522-2994

Idaho Department of Lands

South Central Supervisory Area 319 South 417 East U.S. Hwy. 93 Business Park Jerome, Idaho 83338 Mr. Tim Duffner, area supervisor (208) 324-2561 Fax (208) 324-2917

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