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WILLAMETTE FALLS NAVIGATION LOCKS CLOSED INDEFINITELY PENDING INSPECTIONS

The Willamette Falls Locks, located at River Mile 26.1 on the Willamette River near West Linn, Oregon, will remain closed to river traffic until a Hydraulic Steel Structure (HSS) inspection is performed on the lock chamber gates.

The HSS inspection, which focuses on the integrity of steel components that hold back water, is required before commercial or recreational vessels may pass through the locks. This extensive inspection will determine whether the 135-year old locks can function safely in their current condition, or may need to be repaired.

The extent and timing of funding availability will determine the schedule for the HSS inspections.

Willamette Falls Locks, which opened in 1873, is the oldest continuously operating multiple-lift lock system in America and serves to transport river traffic past the 40-foot Willamette Falls. The Corps has operated the Willamette Falls Locks since 1915. The project is on the National Register of Historic Places and designated as a State Historic Civil Engineering Landmark.

For more information about Willamette Falls Locks please visit the web page at <https://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/op/wfl/>.


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