

LOST CREEK POOL RAISE

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Appendix F

Public Affairs

1. The PAO will be the primary contact with the news media.
2. On 8 October 1976 the PAO will release the attached news release.
3. The Chief, Construction Division will be responsible for keeping the PAO informed on the progress of the closure and pool filling operation and PAO will inform the news media.

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Filling of Lost Creek Lake will begin sometime between October 15 and December 1, depending on water and weather conditions, the Portland District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, has announced.

Colonel Harvey L. Arnold, Jr., Portland District Engineer, said that there will be a slight reduction in water levels in the Rogue River for the first few days after closure. The reservoir will gradually rise during the winter months, except in the event of heavy storms, when water would be stored.

The public is advised to avoid approaching the lake shoreline during the time when the lake is filling since there is possible danger due to soft ground along the water's edge.

Closure of the diversion tunnel to begin filling of Lost Creek Lake is being coordinated with state and federal fishery agencies, Colonel Arnold said. To avoid adverse effects on the chinook salmon, the preferred condition for closure will be when weather is cool and cloudy and river levels are rising. This will minimize damage to fish eggs in the gravel. The date for closure will be set at a time when spring chinook spawning is completed, and weather and flow conditions are conducive to filling of the reservoir.

Salmon spawning areas which may be exposed by the temporarily lowered river levels will be irrigated to keep buried salmon eggs wet and cool until the river returns to average heights. Effects of the drop in water level on survival of spring chinook eggs will be monitored. If there are any losses to the eggs, they will be replaced by increased production at Cole Rivers Hatchery at the Lost Creek Lake Project, the District Engineer said.