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Media Advisory

BPA and the Corps of Engineers celebrate 75 years of service to the Pacific Northwest

*More than 1,000 people expected to celebrate the momentous anniversary
at Bonneville Dam on Sept. 15*

Portland, Ore. – Please join the Bonneville Power Administration, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation for a celebration of BPA and Bonneville Dam’s 75th anniversaries.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt dedicated Bonneville Lock and Dam and signed the Bonneville Project Act in 1937 to bring clean, efficient hydropower to the Northwest and transform our economy and way of life. A re-enactment of this historic event will kickoff the celebration, followed by presentations from federal agency leaders, elected officials, tribal representatives and others. Entertainment, family activities, tours of the dam and light refreshments will also be provided as we celebrate the shared bounty of the Columbia River.

WHEN: Saturday, Sept. 15, noon to 4 p.m. Activities begin at noon; the re-enactment begins at approximately 12:30 p.m.

WHERE: Bonneville Dam, Bradford Island Visitor Center, Cascade Locks, Ore.

MEDIA RSVP: Media planning to attend the event are asked to contact the Corps’ Public Affairs Office at (503) 808-4510.

EVENT VIDEOS AND PICTURES: Short videos and pictures of the event will be posted on the BPA flickr site at approximately 3 p.m. on the day of the event, www.flickr.com/photos/bonnevillepower.

WHO: Scheduled speakers include:

- **U.S. Congressional Representatives**
 - U.S. Rep. Suzanne Bonamici, D-Ore.
 - U.S. Rep. Doc Hastings, R-Wash.
 - U.S. Rep. Jamie Herrera Beutler, R-Wash.
 - U.S. Rep. Greg Walden, R-Ore.
- **Federal Executives**
 - Steve Wright, BPA Administrator and Chief Operating Officer
 - Col. Anthony Funkhouser, Commander, Northwestern Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
 - Lori Faeth, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and International Affairs, Bureau of Reclamation
- **Tribal Representative** Roy Sampsel, Institute for Tribal Government, Portland State University.

Parking. Visitors are encouraged to park at the Washington Shore Visitor Center and take a free shuttle to the Bradford Island Visitor Center. Shuttles will run throughout the event.

Directions to Washington Shore Visitor Facilities at Bonneville Lock and Dam. From eastbound Interstate 84: Travel east on I-84 to Exit 44, Cascade Locks. Cross Bridge of the Gods to Washington (\$1 toll). Turn left (west) onto State Route 14. Go about 3 miles (one mile past Second Powerhouse) to Dam Access Road. Turn left onto Dam Access Road and stay to the left until you reach the Visitor Center and Powerhouse. Open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Directions to Oregon Shore Visitor Facilities at Bonneville Lock & Dam. Travel on Interstate 84 to Exit 40, Bonneville Lock and Dam. Follow the signs to the Visitor Center: Open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Bonneville Dam. Located in the Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area 40 miles east of Portland, Ore., and Vancouver, Wash., Bonneville Lock and Dam spans the Columbia and links the two states. The Corps of Engineers operates and maintains Bonneville Lock and Dam for hydropower production, navigation, fish and wildlife protection and recreation. Since 1938, Bonneville Dam has supplied the region with inexpensive electrical power. Today, the Corps works with other federal, state, local agencies and Native American Tribes to accomplish our mission. For more information, visit our website at www.nwp.usace.army.mil.

Bonneville Power Administration. BPA is a nonprofit federal agency that markets renewable hydropower from federal Columbia River dams, operates three-quarters of high-voltage transmission lines in the Northwest and funds one of the largest wildlife protection and restoration programs in the world. BPA and its partners have also saved enough electricity through energy efficiency projects to power four large American cities. For more information, contact us at 503-230-5131 or visit our website at www.bpa.gov.

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