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WALLA WALLA, WASH. 99362

to adjacent landowners concerned.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON
DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF
LOWER MONUMENTAL RESERVOIR

Attached is a brief description of the characteristics of the project and plans, as so far developed, for various collateral uses. In order that interested persons, organizations, and agencies may be informed of the plan for development and management of the land and about as they will be presented on the exhibit map to be displayed at water areas of the Lower Monumental project, a public meeting is to be held at Walla Walla, Washington, on 16 November 1965. This meeting will be in the Walla Walla District office conference room, Building 602,

In furtherance of the intent of Congress as expressed in recent City-County Airport, beginning at 7:30 P.M. It will consider the legislation, it is contemplated that development of major recreational development of the reservoir on both shores for recreational, industrial, areas on Lower Monumental reservoir will be undertaken by the Corps fish and wildlife, and other collateral purposes.

of Engineers only in those cases where an appropriate state or local At this meeting, the long-range plan for development and use agency of government is willing to accept the responsibility for all of the reservoir area shorelands will be explained, as it operation and maintenance work.

has been formulated over the past few years by coordination and meeting

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of persons known to with representatives of other public agencies. Invitation is extended you to be interested in this matter.

to all interested organizations or individuals to express their views and recommendations. Maps and charts of the reservoir area and of the planning proposals will be displayed and explained.

1. Information Leaflet Colonel, Corps of Engineers

2. This invitation is extended to private individuals, to representatives of Federal, state, county, municipal, or other governmental

agencies, and to agents or spokesmen of commercial, industrial, civic, church, highway, railroad, and waterway transportation interests, and to adjacent landowners concerned.

Oral statements will be heard but, for the accuracy of the record, all important facts should be submitted in writing to the District Engineer, at the address shown above.

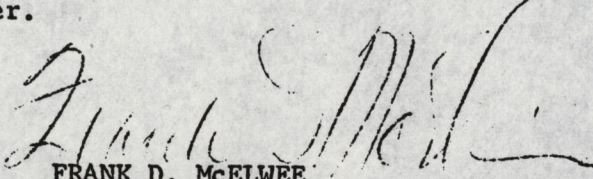
Attached is a brief description of basic characteristics of the project and plans, as so far developed, for various collateral uses of project lands. The accompanying map shows land use allocations about as they will be presented on the exhibit map to be displayed at the hearing. These allocations have been tentatively selected in an effort to achieve the highest and best use of all project lands.

In furtherance of the intent of Congress as expressed in recent legislation, it is contemplated that development of major recreational areas on Lower Monumental reservoir will be undertaken by the Corps of Engineers only in those cases where an appropriate state or local agency of government is willing to accept the responsibility for all operation and maintenance work.

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of persons known to you to be interested in this matter.

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1. Information Leaflet
2. Land Alloc Map


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GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE
DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF LOWER MONUMENTAL RESERVOIR
FOR VARIOUS COLLATERAL PUBLIC USES

Construction of Lower Monumental Lock and Dam was initiated in 1961, under authority contained in the Rivers and Harbors Act of 2 March 1945, Public Law 14, 79th Congress, First Session (S. 35). Subject to availability of funds and contract schedules, the final closure of the dam and raising of the pool will be accomplished in November 1968. Lower Monumental reservoir at normal pool elevation of 540 will extend a distance of approximately 29 miles upstream to the tailwater of Little Goose Lock and Dam. A strip of government-owned land of varying width about the water's edge will be available for the various uses related to the project. Long sections of the shoreline are inaccessible or will be closely flanked by railroad and highway relocations, which will preclude public use at some otherwise desirable waterside areas.

A plan for orderly development and management of the Lower Monumental Lock and Dam project lands is being developed by the Corps of Engineers, in cooperation with Federal, state, and local governmental agencies, interested groups and organizations, and individuals. Since the preparation of the preliminary master plan in 1963, correspondence and meetings with interested agencies have furnished additional data and tentative conclusions have been reached. The land use classifications are shown on the attached map, and are discussed in the following paragraphs. Neither these tentative allocations nor the

final allocations to be incorporated in the master plan are intended to be fixed and unchangeable, but rather are subject to modification to better meet the needs and desires of the people affected, and to conform to conditions that may arise in the future.

Allocation of Project Lands

The overall aim or purpose of the allocation of project lands for various uses is to assure utilization of the various resources of the project area with maximum sustained benefits to the greatest number of people. To this end, careful attention is given to the desires of other governmental agencies, local organizations, and groups functioning in the public interest. In allocating the Lower Monumental project lands, several broad use classifications are now being utilized. These classifications are described below and are shown on the attached map.

Project Operation. Lands required by the Corps of Engineers for operation and maintenance of project structures or for care and management of the project. Public access and use may be continuously or periodically restricted or closely controlled for safety or security reasons. Inspection of functional features not ordinarily open to the public may be arranged to accommodate educational or other groups.

Priority One, Public Recreation. To implement the provisions of Section 4 of the 1944 Flood Control Act, as amended by Section 207 of the Flood Control Act of 1962, and as further amended by the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, project lands are made available for public recreational use and access. These areas are selected on

the basis of existing and potential demands for public access and recreational use facilities, their desirability for and adaptability to recreational use and development, and correlative consideration of all other use demands and potentials. Priority 1 recreational lands have been sub-divided into three categories, as follows:

a. Initial Development. Lands in the Priority One category are developed or planned for development as public park and recreation areas under the administration of the Corps of Engineers or other Federal, state, or local governmental agencies, or through commercial concessionaires within three years after the project is placed in operation. No conversion to private or exclusive group use of such lands will be permitted.

b. Future Development. Lands having the same use capabilities and development potential as initial development lands, but which are reserved and designated for this use and development in the future. Public entry and use without development might be expected and permitted; however, no conversion to private or exclusive group use will be permitted. Interim use for fish and wildlife purposes or leasing for grazing and agricultural purposes is permitted, provided such interim use will not adversely affect the public recreational values of the area, and it is made certain that the land will be readily available for the purpose for which it is reserved.

c. General Access. These areas, generally the narrow shore-lands around the project not suitable or required for development of major recreational facilities, are reserved primarily to assure free

public access to and along the shores of the project. These areas may be utilized also for operational purposes, wildlife habitat, scenic and other resource protection, and development of minor public recreational facilities. No conversion to private or exclusive group use of such lands will be permitted. Excluded from this category will be shorelands otherwise classified for public port terminal sites or waterfront industrial sites.

Priorities 2 and 3, Recreation. These are lands which may be leased for use by various quasi-public, non-profit organizations, ranging from youth groups, such as Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, to service and fraternal organizations, such as Chambers of Commerce, Kiwanis clubs, etc., which render a public recreational-educational service on a non-exclusive basis, or provide a degree of public recreational opportunities.

Public Port Terminal. These are shoreline frontage areas determined to be essential to utilization of the navigational resources of the project. Their prime purpose is to afford space for transfer of waterborne freight. Lands are reserved for public port terminal sites at appropriate intervals along both shores of the reservoir, at points strategically located in relation to existing and potential industrial tributary production areas, and logically related to the road system serving these areas. These areas may be made available for conveyance to states, political subdivisions thereof, port districts, or port authorities, under provisions of Section 108 of Public Law 86-645 (74 Stat. 486), for development of public port facilities.

Industrial Use and Access. These are areas of project lands not required for project operation, public recreational use or access, public port terminals, or fish and wildlife. With appropriate restrictions as required to satisfy project operational requirements, these areas may be made available for conveyance to states, political subdivisions thereof, port districts, or port authorities, under provisions of Section 108 of Public Law 86-645, for development of private terminal facilities or industrial uses requiring close association with the water area of the reservoir, or they may be leased directly to such industrial users in those instances where conveyance under referenced Section 108 of Public Law 86-645 is not practicable or feasible.

Fish and Wildlife. In accordance with the provisions of Section 3 of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act of 1958 (Public Law 85-624), selected areas of project land may be reserved for use in development and management of the fish and wildlife resources of the project. These lands are selected jointly by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife and the appropriate state fish and wildlife agency or agencies, from those lands determined by the Corps of Engineers to be available for such use.

