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HIGH WATER UPDATES

MEDIA RELEASE

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HAYDEN DAM: The Army Corps of Engineers have completed the work of reinforcing the Hayden Dam at Honeysuckle Bay. The dam is open again to public access. Special thanks to the Army Corps of Engineers, the City of Hayden, the Lakes Highway District and all of the other public and private partners who made this work possible in such a timely manner.

COEUR D'ALENE RIVER AT CATALDO: The Coeur d'Alene River at Cataldo is currently below flood stage, but anticipated to reach flood stage of 2143 fee elevation, late Thursday night. The river is expected to crest about half a foot over flood stage early Friday morning but drop rapidly to below flood stage by late Friday evening. Some local roads may be impacted as is normal in this area.

ROSE CREEK & ROSE LAKE: Rose Creek at Highway 3 is experiencing back flow issues from the Coeur d'Alene River. This is causing a slight build-up of water near homes in the community of Rose Lake. Sand and sandbags are available for local residents at the Rose Lake School.

COEUR D'ALENE LAKE: Coeur d'Alene Lake is rising and expected to reach flood stage late on Friday evening. The hydrograph listed on the National Weather Service website is used as the basis for this measurement. The lake is expected to crest about half a foot above flood stage late Sunday, but remain over the 2,133 flood stage mark until at least the middle of next week. **PLEASE NOTE:** Whenever the lake elevation exceeds or is equal to 2,133 feet altitude above sea level, all of Coeur d'Alene Lake, Fernan Lake and the Spokane River are "NO WAKE ZONES". Boaters are reminded that high water brings a great deal of debris into local waterways and that extra caution must be used for the next several weeks.

<http://water.weather.gov/ahps2/hydrograph.php?wfo=otx&gage=coei1&view=1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1>

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