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Avista advises of potentially hazardous river conditions between Cabinet Gorge Dam and Lake Pend Oreille on Nov. 17 and Nov. 18

Be aware that the water levels can change without warning

SPOKANE, Wash. Nov. 5, 2018: Water flowing through Cabinet Gorge Dam will come to a standstill Nov. 17 and Nov. 18 to facilitate a high-resolution bathymetric survey of the tailrace (channel that carries water away from the hydroelectric plant). This is a routine, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) mandated inspection related to dam safety and is required to occur once every five years.

Clark Fork River water flows will be extremely low between Cabinet Gorge Dam and Lake Pend Oreille between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Nov. 17 and Nov. 18. As a result, lower elevation navigation hazards that people are not familiar with are likely to be present and boat ramps may not be usable. In addition, water flows will change rapidly and without warning during this time.

To increase public safety and awareness, signs will be posted at river access sites along the river. Waterway users should always be alert to signs of such changes and exercise the highest level of personal caution and safety.

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