



DIRECTIVE

Number 73

SUBJECT: PUBLIC USE OF JACKSON HYDROELECTRIC
PROJECT RECREATION AND MITIGATION LANDS

Date
04/11/2012

POLICY

Public use and enjoyment of lands and waters associated with the Jackson Hydroelectric Project, which are owned by the District or administered by the District for Project purposes through a lease, permit or agreement shall be subject to the regulations set forth in this Directive. Public access to such lands, including the Trout Farm Road Site, boat launches and Spada Lake Reservoir shall be authorized during daylight hours only, and shall be without charge. Spada Lake Reservoir access is authorized from opening until closing of Washington state authorized freshwater sport fishing seasons (approximately April 15 through October 31) each year. The Spada Lake Reservoir recreation sites are open during the freshwater sport fishing season. The Olney Pass Recreation Site shall be open year-round. The Trout Farm Road Recreation Site shall be open for fishing access when fishing is authorized under applicable Washington state regulations for the Sultan River.

The Assistant General Manager (AGM) for Water, Generation, and Corporate Services or the AGM's designee may determine at any time that circumstances require temporary closure of access roads and recreation sites due to poor road conditions, operational necessity, or for public safety or security.

DESCRIPTIONS OF PROPERTY SUBJECT TO POLICY

Lands and waters subject to this Directive shall include:

1. "Spada Lake Reservoir / Williamson Creek Property," containing approximately 4,200 acres, located in TWP 29 N, Range 9 East W.M., and TWP 28 N, Range 9 EWM, acquired by patent from the United States, as recorded in Snohomish County Auditor's File No. 9102280510, and by exchange with the State of Washington, as recorded in Snohomish County Auditor's File Nos. 9106280580 and 9106280581, including Spada Lake Reservoir and all surrounding lands owned by the District;
2. District-developed recreation sites associated with the Jackson Hydroelectric Project, including the Olney Pass



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Recreation Site (at the entrance to the Sultan Basin), District-owned lands for wildlife habitat management on the Lost Lake Tract, the Trout Farm Road Recreation Site (near Sultan), and Sultan River access sites located on lands owned by or administered by the District.

**AUTHORIZED
ACTIVITIES**

Authorized activities include:

1. Hiking and cross-country skiing (year-round);
2. Picnicking, in designated areas (when sites are open);
3. Hunting, during Washington state-authorized hunting seasons or as provided by applicable federal laws or treaties, and in compliance with all applicable firearm safety and other laws and regulations; however, all kills must be packed out intact;
4. Fishing, including shore fishing along the south shore of Spada Lake Reservoir, from the North Fork of the Sultan River west to the section line between Sections 28 and 29, during authorized fishing seasons, subject to all applicable laws and regulations;
5. Non-motorized or electric-powered boating from designated launch areas; *however*, the District and its authorized agents and contractors shall be authorized to utilize combustion-powered work boats (that have been decontaminated for invasive species) from time to time for enforcement purposes, or as otherwise determined by the District to be necessary for studies or proper administration and maintenance of Spada Lake Reservoir shorelines, facilities and tributaries;
6. Fires in designated fire-pits, except when otherwise posted;
7. Leashed pets; *however*, at Spada Lake Reservoir/Williamson Creek Property only, hunting dogs may be used off-leash while owner is actively hunting and must remain under owner's control at all times; dogs must not enter waters and all waste must be retrieved and properly deposited in sanitary facility; and



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8. Use of licensed motorized vehicles on the following improved roads when not gated for safety reasons: South Shore road from Olney Pass to the South Shore Recreation Site, and the Culmback Dam Road from Olney Pass to the Gateway Trailhead; and off-road vehicles used only for administrative access by the District, City of Everett, authorized government agencies, and authorized mineral claimants;

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

Except with the express, prior written authorization of the District, the following are PROHIBITED:

1. Over-night camping;
2. Body contact with the waters of Spada Lake Reservoir and tributaries or activities which might result in body contact with the water, including but not limited to: a) swimming of humans or domestic animals; b) wading, except in rubber boots or as reasonably incidental to launching or landing an authorized boat in approved areas; c) use of inflatable boats and floating devices (except life preservers in approved boats); and d) water skiing, sail-boarding, stand-up paddle boarding, surf skiing, or any other activity where body contact with the water is likely;
3. Littering;
4. Unleashed pets, except as expressly allowed above;
5. Vandalism or defacement of any vehicle, road, facility, vegetation or other property;
6. Depositing human or domestic animal waste on the ground or in the waters;
7. Use of licensed vehicles off improved roads, and unlicensed motorized vehicles anywhere, except licensed and off-road vehicles used for administrative access by the District, City of Everett, authorized government agencies, and authorized mineral claimants;
8. Use of combustion-powered boats, except as expressly allowed above;



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- 9. Fires, outside of designated fire pits;
- 10. Discharge of firearms, except as may be reasonably necessary and incidental to lawful hunting and shooting of game animals; PROVIDED, that discharge of firearms across, from, or into the waters of Spada Lake Reservoir or within 200 feet of any Project structures or recreation sites shall be prohibited at all times;
- 11. Use of lands, waters or facilities for any purpose other than an authorized purpose, or at any time between dusk and dawn;
- 12. Landing aircraft on Spada Lake Reservoir;
- 13. Consumption of intoxicants;
- 14. Fireworks;
- 15. Loud or disorderly conduct which disturbs others' peaceful use of the lands and waters;
- 16. Wood cutting or collection of any Christmas trees, native ornamental trees, or shrubs, or cutting or picking of evergreen foliage, wooden products or salvage of bark;
- 17. Removal of firewood provided by the District for recreation sites;
- 18. Landing of boats on the east shore of Spada Lake Reservoir from the North Fork of the Sultan River north to Williamson Creek, the north shore of Spada Lake Reservoir, Culmback Dam, and the west shore of Spada Lake Reservoir from Culmback Dam southeast to the section line between Sections 28 and 29; and
- 19. Introduction of any non-native, invasive plant or animal species, such as, but not limited to, Eurasian water milfoil, zebra/quagga mussel, and New Zealand mudsnail.

PROHIBITED AREAS

Prohibited public access areas:

- 1. Culmback Dam and all appurtenant facilities (except for hiking or bicycling across the dam on the designated roadway/trail during daylight hours unless otherwise posted);



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2. Spada Lake Reservoir and adjacent lands west of the log boom;
 3. North Bank stabilization area (north and west of dam, except for designated recreation sites).

ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

Each recreation site may be posted with such additional public access and use regulations as may be determined necessary by the AGM or designee for proper administration of the lands and waters subject to this Directive.

WARNING AND DISCLAIMER

Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County shall not be liable for any injury, loss or damage to any person or the property of any person who is using Jackson Hydroelectric Project lands and waters. Entry upon Jackson Hydroelectric Project lands, waters and roads shall be solely at the user's own risk. Such lands are in a mountainous environment, remote and rugged, and either left in their natural state or developed for project operations and limited recreation activities; such lands and waters may contain hazards consistent with these conditions that are not readily obvious to recreation users. Access roads are narrow and primitive, with steep drop-offs and narrow shoulders. The waters of Spada Lake Reservoir are cold and deep, with steep drop-offs in some areas, and they contain submerged stumps and trees which may not be readily visible from the surface. Use of all due care is advised, and posted speed limits and warnings shall be observed by recreation users at all times.

The AGM or designee may restrict or suspend public access to District lands and roads temporarily at any time during periods of elevated, high or severe risk as designated by advisories issued by the Federal Homeland Security Administration, for public safety, or due to poor road conditions or operational necessity.

INQUIRIES

Direct inquiries about this Directive to Generation Natural Resources.





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APPROVAL


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