

Partnerships

The Dalles Project

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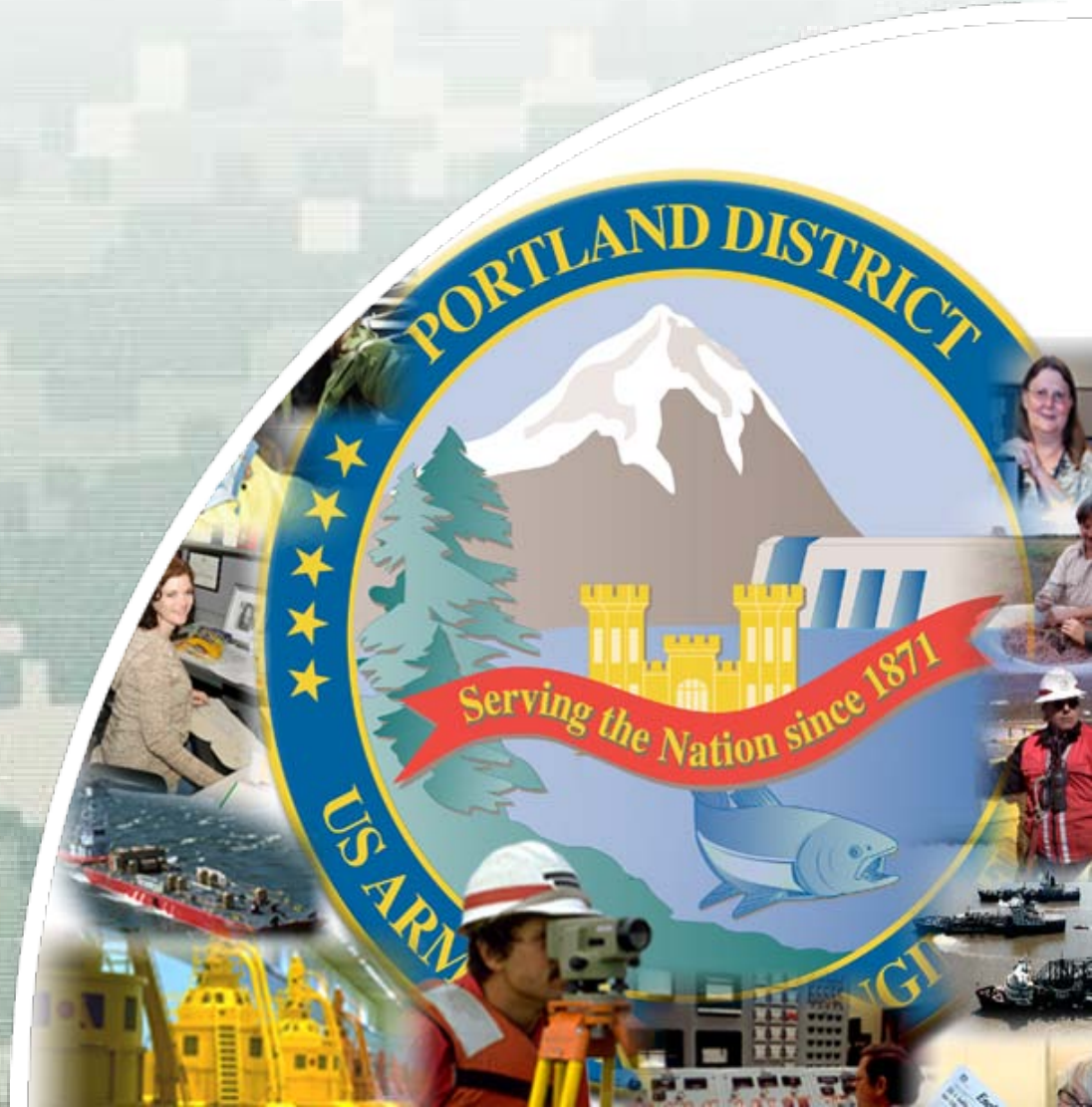
The Dalles Lock and Dam

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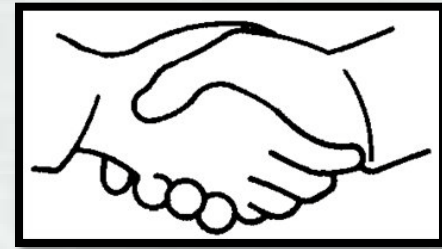
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Shared Vision and Mission

- General Categories:
 - ▶ Health and Wellness
 - ▶ Tourism and Recreation
 - ▶ Public Safety
 - ▶ Stewardship and Conservation
 - ▶ Education



Train to Tram Project

- City of The Dalles and the Chamber of Commerce
 - ▶ MOU signed 2012
 - \$400K grant from Federal Transportation Administration to complete trail grading, trail pavement, bridge improvements, and barrier placement.
 - City received additional grants to purchase electric trams/shuttles to replace tour train and promote tourism to boost local economy.
 - City owns and operates shuttles and the Chamber promotes tours in the local media, allowing us to resume Park Ranger led tours of The Dalles Powerhouse.



Take A Warrior Fishing

- Catch A Special Thrill - CAST

- ▶ MOU signed 2012

- First event of its' kind held on the Columbia River.
 - CAST provided a broad network of contacts, monetary support, t-shirts, hats, and staff support.
 - Other Sponsors were: All State and Northwest Industrial Supply (provided a BBQ lunch) and Grinder's coffee (provided free coffee coupons).
 - **6** Veterans and their families, plus **7** volunteer boat captains from all over the state participated.



Spearfish Family Fishing Clinic

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
 - ▶ MOU signed 2008
 - Held in conjunction with the state of Washington's free fishing weekend. (no fees or fishing license required)
 - WA Department of Fish and Wildlife stocked the lake with 2,000 11-12 inch rainbow trout and 10 8lb trout, 100 free poles and tackle.
 - Other sponsors were: Trout Unlimited, Biomark, local stores, bait shops, and restaurants.
 - Over **100** participants at this event.



The Dalles Dam Eagle Watch

- U.S. Forest Service
 - ▶ MOU signed 2008
 - Forest Service provides staff support and live raptor educational programs.
 - Other partners: Rowena Wildlife Clinic provides live raptors and volunteers.
 - This event has been held annually for the past 3 years and to date it has drawn over **750** visitors.



Bookstore at The Dalles Dam Visitor Center

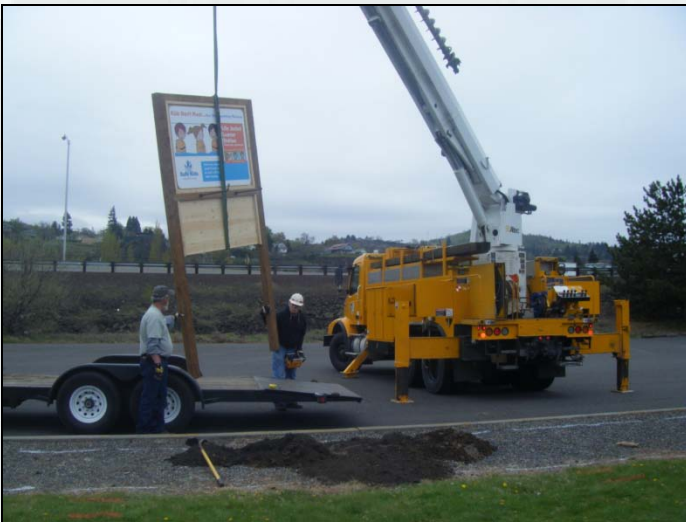
- Discover Your Northwest
 - ▶ Cooperative Agreement signed 2011
 - DYNW provided start-up costs for material and equipment. (Shelving, cabinets, etc.)
 - DYNW oversees major operations such as: ordering merchandise, banking, etc.
 - Our visitor center is open 5 months out of the year. To date we have approximately **\$12K** in sales and donations. A percentage of which gets donated back to the visitor center for use in-house for educational purposes.



Safe Kids – USA

Columbia River Gorge Chapter

- MOU signed 2009
 - ▶ In 2012 Safe Kids purchased **8** new Life Jacket Loaner Board kiosks and donated them to local parks, marinas, and swim beaches in the surrounding CRG area.
 - ▶ Grand total investment approximately \$10K, including stocks of life jackets for each.
 - ▶ Other partners: Oregon Department of Transportation loaned us the use of their auger truck for installation.



Safe Kids – CRG

- Local events USACE and Safe Kids partner together on.
 - ▶ Cherry Fest
 - Past 2 years over 500 direct contacts
 - ▶ Children’s Safety Fair
 - Past 2 years 600 direct contacts
 - ▶ 2nd Grade Safari
 - Past 2 years 535 direct contacts
 - ▶ 6th Grade Water Safety Poster Contest
 - Past 2 years 278 poster entries
 - Safe Kids purchases the bags (posters) and prizes (life jackets) which is \$160.00 investment/year.



Vessel Safety Checks



- U.S. Coast Guard

- ▶ MOU signed 2005

- Other partners: state, county, and local police as well as state parks, fish and wildlife, state marine boards, and intertribal agencies.
 - Since we began 3 years ago, we have inspected over **75** boats, and prevented New Zealand Mud Snails from entering the John Day River.



Road Improvements – Spearfish Park

- Port of Klickitat

- ▶ MOU signed 2009

- Federal Transportation Administration grant application to pave Port of Klickitat owned road leading into Spearfish Park.
 - Grant submittal \$188k – Port matches 13.5%
 - Approximately 1 mile of pavement over a current gravel road
 - Installation of vehicle gate on Port of Klickitat property
 - Other Partners: Bonneville Power Administration – due to a power line easement.



Northwest Youth Corps

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- ▶ Cooperative Agreement signed 2009

- They provide labor in exchange for 7k per week for overhead cost
 - 2011 work at Celilo Park and The Dalles Lock and Dam
 - 60 youth put in 2,400 hours of service providing a value of service at \$51,264.



Confluence Project

- Confluence Project
 - ▶ Work in progress



What do we bring to the table?

- Unique expertise, location, and professionalism
- Scheduling and Coordinating
- A connection to the local community
- Media Support
- Staff support / Sharing resources
- Educational opportunities and work skills
- Help with recruiting other partners, donors, volunteers
- Partner Recognition
 - Partner/Donor/Volunteer Appreciation Letter
 - National Water Safety Congress Awards Nomination
 - Media Recognition



Gorge Safe Kids offers life jackets at loaner boards

It's now free to keep kids safe on the water with a life jacket from one of 20 life jacket loaner boards along the Columbia, Willamette and Rogue Rivers.

The local life jacket stations were established through a partnership of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Columbia Gorge Safe Kids Coalition, as well as other cooperating organizations.

"We installed nine this summer," said Amber Tilton of the Corps, including one at The Dalles Riverfront Park.

Safe Kids had the kiosks made over the winter and they were installed this spring and summer.

"It was a collaborative effort," Tilton said. "We had to get permission from all the managing agencies (Port of Hood River, Port of The Dalles, and Washington State Parks)."

The stations include a variety of jacket sizes and instructions to fit a jacket properly. Borrowers are asked to return the jackets when they have finished recreating.

Nearby locations where life jackets can be borrowed include The Dalles Marina, The Dalles Riverfront Park, Celilo Park, Mayer State Park, Heritage

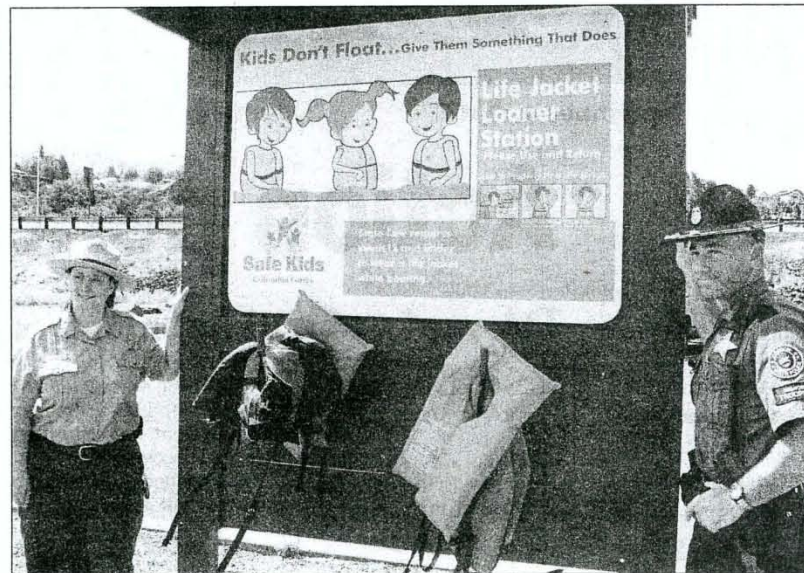
Landing at the mouth of the Deschutes River and LePage Park on the Oregon shore in Wasco and Sherman counties, and Columbia Hills State Park and Maryhill State Park on the Washington shore in Klickitat County.

Other sites in the Columbia Gorge include Hood River Waterfront Park and Hamilton Island Boat Ramp at Bonneville Lock and Dam. Plymouth Park near Hermiston also have one of the stations.

Drowning is preventable so please recreate safely by following these helpful tips: always wear a life jacket, learn to swim well, always swim with a buddy, learn "Reach-Throw-Row-don't Go" rescue techniques, take a safe boating class, and never drink and boat.

"Don't think that drowning only happens to other people or other people's children," says Melissa Rinehart, Portland District's water safety coordinator. "Remember that children are happiest when they are safe. If you love them, put them in a life jacket; because they love you, wear yours."

For a list of other loaner boards in Oregon, visit www.boatoregon.com



AMBER TILTON, left, of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Oregon State Police Sr. Trooper Michael Holloran of the Gorge Safe Kids Coalition, point out a life jacket loaner board at Riverfront Park in The Dalles. Others are scattered throughout the gorge and Oregon, offering the free loan of children's life jackets.

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Season's Greetings Volunteers, Partners, and Donors:

As this exciting year ends, our Park Ranger staff here at The Dalles Dam would like to tell you about the programs we were able to do this year thanks to your participation and generosity.

In 2012 your involvement allowed us to:

- Host a *Take A Warrior Fishing* event that let several local veterans get out on the Columbia River and enjoy the day relaxing by fishing with their families. This was a great way to show our appreciation to these honorable soldiers.
- Host a Family Fishing Clinic at Spearfish Lake that coincided with National Get Outdoors Day. Your donations aided us by supplying staff support, fish, bait, poles and prizes!
- Host our second annual The Dalles Dam Eagle Watch. Thanks to your efforts in providing staff support and programming, it was a success.
- Conduct our third annual 6th grade Water Safety Poster Contest. Your donations and support continue to keep our youth active in learning how to be safe around water.
- Restore native vegetation and remove invasive species at Spearfish Lake and other public areas.
- Promote public safety and beautify our public lands by removing litter and debris and through trimming trees.
- Promote public safety through the donation and installation of several new Life Jacket Loaner kiosks in our parks.
- Promote public education of Corps missions through donations of interpretive materials.
- Participate in The City of The Dalles Children's Fair teaching water safety techniques to families.
- Makeover the Historic Seufert Rose Garden through removal of weeds, laying new landscape fabric, pruning and mulching.

Thank you for assisting us by offering your support and contributions. Looking ahead in 2013, our resolution is to continue promoting health and wellness through recreational opportunities, water safety education and to encouraging environmental stewardship through public outreach events. We hope you will join us again in 2013 to make that happen! It has been a great year. Thank you and happy holidays!



Greeting Challenges with Optimism

■ Challenges

- Funding and staff levels
- Aligning agendas
- Communication
- Unforeseen circumstances/costs
- Making it worthwhile for partners
- Can be time consuming
- Working within bureaucracy (regulations, policies, priorities)
- Partner dedication to projects

■ Successes

- Meeting your Mission (water safety, recreation, etc.)
- Reaching your target audience
- Providing a public service
- Increasing visitation
- Practice makes perfect
- Supports declining staff levels and budgets
- Networking – ***Building Strong*** community ties and relationships

“You can’t do everything, it’s better to concentrate on what you can do”.

- Roger Crawford

