

Lake View



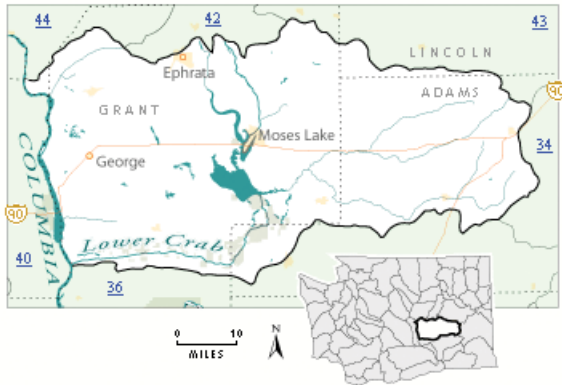
SPRING 2011 | SNAPSHOTS FROM THE MOSES LAKE IRRIGATION & RE-HABILITATION DISTRICT

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Connelly Park Road Safety

OPENING: APRIL 20

As improvements continue and more events are scheduled at Connelly Park, the number of people using the District’s recreation facilities there is growing every year. For the past three winters, as a fill-in project, MLIRD staff has been working to blaze a new entrance road into Connelly Park in order to replace the existing dangerously steep grade. Using in-house professional design, staff and equipment, excavation and preparation of the new road base is complete. Asphalt will be applied and curbing ready prior to opening of the Park for the season on April 20, 2011 at 6:00 a.m. The new entrance road, which intersects at McConihe and Bouldercrest, will provide safe travel in and out of the park.

Background: The District is legally obligated to provide recreation services at the former “Airmen’s Beach” acquired from Larsen Air Force Base/General Services Administration (GSA) in 1968. This was the plan when “re-habilitation” was added to the District’s mission, a special legislative statute change requested by the MLIRD board of directors, as passed into law in 1964.

Lake Rehabilitation – Parker Horn Dredging

STARTING JULY 1

The next important phase of Moses Lake “re-habilitation” will begin in Parker Horn on July 1, the first day allowable by permit. Excess sediment flows into Moses Lake are estimated at 50,000 cubic yards annually. In a property agreement for this purpose, staff is preparing temporary ponds where years of sediment accumulation will be piped for de-watering. Dredging operations will use a suction dredge, the only approved method of removing sediment from Moses Lake. Unless removed, incoming sediment flows will continue to block boat access and damage fish and wildlife habitats, resulting in lowered property values. Following purchase by the District three years ago, a 1985 Ellicot dredge is staged and ready after being completely refurbished by staff.

Look for more about this project in the next edition of Lake View.



SEDIMENT DREDGE – STAFF SETTING UP FOR TRANSPORT TO PARKER HORN.



Leadership Dialogue Will Focus on Moses Lake

“As our community grows through new industry, tourism and recreation, how important is the lake itself in the competition for new jobs? Can we collaborate in new ways to leverage the economic benefits of water recreation and a healthy environment?” These and other related topics will be featured in a 4-part series of dialogues between residents and regional leaders. Panelists will be announced soon for the first event.

MOSES LAKE COMMUNITY FORUM “OUR LAKE - OUR FUTURE”

**MONDAY, MAY 16, 6:00 - 8:00 PM
MASTO CONFERENCE CENTER - ATEC**

**STEERING COMMITTEE: EDC, CITY, MLBA,
CHAMBER, VISION 20/20, BIG BEND
COMMUNITY COLLEGE, MLIRD**



Seattle Drag & Sprint Ski Boats

CONNELLY PARK: APRIL 29 - MAY 1

For the past seven years, MLIRD has hosted hydroplane racing at Connelly Park. In 2009, the course became an official "record course" that now draws more race teams, and consequently more visitors, from all over the U.S. and Canada. Boat racing on Moses Lake has never been more exciting to watch! On Friday afternoon, April 29, before weekend "class" races, teams typically test their boats on the water. Racing begins around 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 30th and concludes on Sunday. This is a great family event open to the public for only a small entrance fee.



Water Quality Institute Ranked "Outstanding"

While preparing for the District's 5th annual Water Quality Institute this summer, it's a pleasure to share a few comments about the consultants who created the curriculum to help educate our kids about the value of water and Moses Lake. Read the full letter at: www.mlird.org – click "Water Quality Institute."

"The consultants...are an excellent set of human resources. I have personally worked with Jack Horne and Clyde Carpenter as Co-Principal Investigators on at least 6 or 7 funded water quality institutes and they bring a very strong background, plus experience in this arena. Laurie Odegaard and Jennifer Carpenter [MLHS teachers] were former participants in our WSU sponsored institutes. Both were so outstanding that we invited them to mentor other teachers in subsequent workshops."

Dr. Donald C. Orlich, Professor Emeritus of Education and Science Instruction, Washington State University

Second \$75,000 Grant follows 97% Success in Milfoil Eradication

MLIRD has received a second \$75,000 (*) grant from the Department of Ecology for the Milfoil project set to resume in July. This new grant reflects the 97% eradication success rate in approximately 300 acres tackled last year, and helps reduce rate payer costs for the three-year contract the District signed with Lakeland Restoration Services (LRS) for aquatic herbicide treatment of invasive *Eurasian Water Milfoil*.

Also in 2010, in a strategic "pilot project" to save time and expense, the District initiated an inter-local partnership agreement with GCNWB and the Department of Ecology to attack *Yellow Flag Iris*, *Purple Loosestrife* and *Phragmites*, also extremely invasive noxious weeds. Treated by LRS during the same week, this 3-species treatment tactic reduced paperwork and labor costs, which serves the wider community more efficiently by combining services.

(*) In addition to \$104,000 project – cover page story.



CELEBRATING 97% MILFOIL ERADICATION: REP. JUDY WARNICK, 13TH DISTRICT; KATHY HAMEL, ECOLOGY; MLIRD DIRECTOR, RON COVEY AND MLIRD MANAGER, CURT CARPENTER.

"WE WERE VERY IMPRESSED WITH THE PROFESSIONALISM OF MLIRD STAFF AND THE APPLICATOR DURING MILFOIL TREATMENT LAST YEAR...ABOVE AND BEYOND PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS."

**KATHY HAMEL,
AQUATIC PLANT SPECIALIST,
WASHINGTON STATE
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY**



Coming Up

**April 16
Kids Fishing Derby**

**April 20
Connelly Park Opens**

**April 29-May 1
Hydroplane Races**

**May 16
Community Forum**

**May 26-29
Spring Festival**



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Connelly Park/Airmen's Beach Improvement Project PUBLIC MEETING UPDATE

Three public input meetings
ended in October 2010.
For complete summary,
visit www.mlird.org.

BRIEF SUMMARY – PREFERRED USES

From direct citizen comments at three meetings, and survey forms gathered at the Grant County Fair in August 2010, these are the preferred uses that emerged from the public process.

Airmen's Memorial
Picnic, Boating & Fishing Facilities
Water Sports

Swimming, Camping & Trails
Camp Store, Tent / RV & Vendor Sites
Event Parking

Wheelchair Dock Access
Public Safety
Grassy Area Viewing

As always, future improvements at Connelly Park are subject to available funding.

MLIRD DISTRICT DIRECTORS: NORM BENSON, RICH ARCHER, RON COVEY

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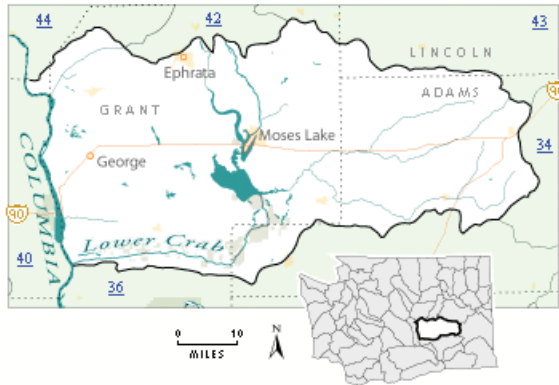
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