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ATTENTION OF:

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
WALLA WALLA DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
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Planning, Programs, and Project  
Management Division

Dear Interested Party:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Walla Walla District (Corps), invites your comments on the *Draft Lower Snake River Programmatic Sediment Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement* (PSMP/EIS). The Corps is proposing to implement a long-term plan for managing sediment deposition that is interfering with the authorized project purposes of the four lower Snake River dams and reservoirs in southeastern Washington and northern Idaho. The draft PSMP/EIS identifies and evaluates the environmental effects of a range of sediment management strategies. It also addresses the first sediment management action to be taken under the plan to re-establish the congressionally-authorized dimensions of the navigation channel. The Corps has identified Alternative 7, Comprehensive (Full System and Sediment Management Measures) as the preferred alternative.

The draft PSMP/EIS comment period will officially start on December 21, 2012, (expected date of publication in the Federal Register) and run through February 8, 2013. Comments must be e-mailed or postmarked no later than February 8, 2013 to be considered. You must submit comments via e-mail to [psmp@usace.army.mil](mailto:psmp@usace.army.mil) or mail comments to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Walla Walla District, PSMP/EIS, Attention: Sandy Shelin, CENWW-PM-PD-EC, 201 North Third Avenue, Walla Walla, Washington 99362-1876.

The draft PSMP/EIS is available through several means. The full document is available in electronic form through the Corps web site at [www.nww.usace.army.mil/Missions/Projects/ProgrammaticSedimentManagementPlan.aspx](http://www.nww.usace.army.mil/Missions/Projects/ProgrammaticSedimentManagementPlan.aspx). You may also request a paper copy or compact disc (CD) by sending an e-mail to the address above, by writing to the Corps at the address above, or by calling Ms. Sandy Shelin, Environmental Coordinator, at 509-527-7265.

The Corps intends to have one public information meeting following the release of the draft PSMP/EIS. This meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 24, 2013 in Clarkston, Washington. Additional information will be announced when the meeting details are finalized.