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SAFETY TIPS DURING YOUR VISIT

LOST CREEK LAKE

BOATING

ALWAYS wear a life jacket and observe posted boating speeds, "No Wake Area" signs and all boating regulations. Be cautious of underwater hazards and floating debris.

WATER SKIING

Have two people in the tow boat; one to drive and one to watch the skier. **ALWAYS** wear a life jacket when skiing. **NEVER** ski near swimmers, fisherman or after dusk.

FISHING

Stay clear of boat channels and swimming areas. While trolling, watch the water ahead for boats, swimmers and underwater obstacles.

CAMPING

Camp only in designated areas. Lakeshore camping is prohibited.

FIRE PREVENTION

Fire potential is generally high during the recreation season. Help prevent forest fires by putting out all campfires completely and disposing of all refuse in trash cans. Build fires only in designated fire rings.

SAFETY TIPS FOR BOTH LOCATIONS

OUTDOOR SAFETY

Travel with a companion and drink plenty of water. Plan your trip and beware of hazards such as uneven ground, poisonous plants, snakes and other wildlife and biting or stinging insects. Keep pets on a leash and pack out any trash.

WATER AND FOREST SAFETY

Never swim alone; use the buddy system. Swim in posted swim areas away from docks and boating areas. Wear a life jacket. Recognize potential risks of vegetation and wildlife. Be aware of surroundings at all times to minimize potential exposure.

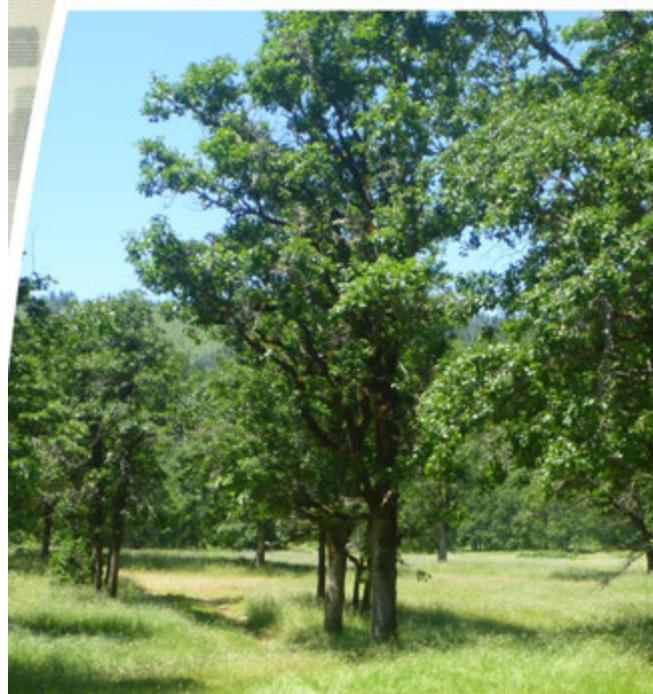
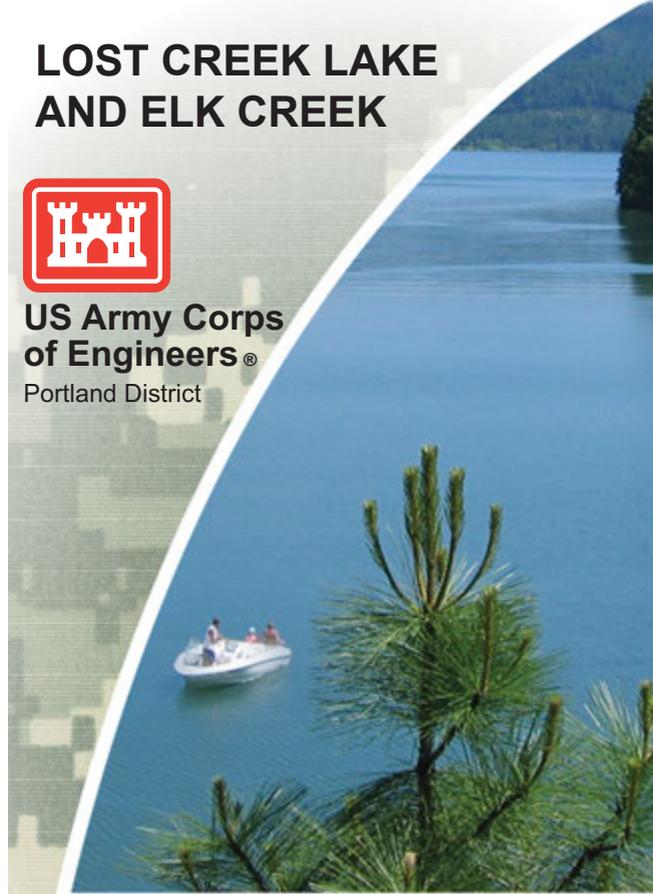
Under the Archeological Resources Protection Act of 1979, it is illegal to excavate or remove artifacts from federal land. Violators are subject to a fine of not more than \$100,000, imprisonment of not more than five years, and forfeiture of all equipment (including vehicles) used in connection with a violation.

Federal rules and regulations concerning the use of areas are set forth in Title 36, Chapter III of the Code of Federal Regulations and are on display in the areas of the project most frequently used by the public.

LOST CREEK LAKE AND ELK CREEK



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BUILDING STRONG®

Along the Rogue-Umpqua Scenic Byway

WELCOME

LOST CREEK LAKE

Lost Creek Lake, situated on the main stem of the Rogue River, is about halfway between Crater Lake National Park and Medford, Ore. along the Rogue-Umpqua Scenic Byway. Lost Creek Lake is a multi-purpose project built and operated by the Portland District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Its purposes include flood damage reduction, power generation and water supply, with water quality, fish and wildlife enhancement and recreation as important benefits.

Lost Creek Lake offers quality facilities and recreational opportunities for visitors. There are over 20 developed parks including campgrounds, picnic areas, trailheads, boat ramps, fishing/shoreline access points and group use areas. Thirty miles of trail maintained by the Corps of Engineers surround the lake, portions of which are in the scenic Rogue River Trail system. Stewart State Park, operated by Oregon State Parks, has over 200 campsites, a marina with a store and café, and many other amenities.

Water releases from the lake are controlled by the multiport William L. Jess Intake Tower, which permits water to be mixed from different depths to regulate temperature. Controlled temperature flows help cool the Rogue to enhance river conditions for migrating salmon and steelhead. Returning fish are collected and spawned at the Cole M. Rivers Hatchery, situated on the river and operated by Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Jess Dam, formerly Lost Creek Dam, was completed in 1977 after five years of construction. The dam is of earth and rock fill construction with gated spillways on the south end and regulating outlets and powerhouse on the north end. The powerhouse contains two 26-megawatt generators.

A barrier dam upstream delivers water to operate the Cole M. Rivers Hatchery, which is open to the public and provides tours, interpretive information, viewing areas and river access for fishing. Downstream of the hatchery is the McGregor Park and Visitor Center complex, a special place to learn about the natural and cultural history of the Upper Rogue area. For more information call the Rogue River Basin Office at 541-878-2255 or visit our web site: <http://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/locations/rogueriver/lostcreek.aspx>.

ELK CREEK PROJECT

Elk Creek is a tributary of the Rogue River, about 25 miles northeast of Medford, Ore. The Elk Creek project was initiated in 1971, the third dam authorized by Congress to be built in the Rogue River Basin. The project was stopped in 1988 due to potential environmental impacts, leaving an incomplete dam one third its designed height. Plans were developed to restore Elk Creek to a free-flowing creek. The dam was notched in 2008 for fish passage, and the Corps diverted Elk Creek into the newly restored channel. Elk Creek and all other spawning tributaries in the southwest region are closed to fishing to protect spawning and juvenile salmon.

Visitors may enjoy wildlife viewing, hiking, biking and hunting in the 3,500 acres of open lands along Elk Creek. There are minimal recreation facilities at Elk Creek and limited access for motorized vehicles November 1 - May 15. Visitors may use over 7 miles of trails to relax near deep pools, hike through grass fields, or sit under a giant Ponderosa and watch for the variety of wildlife common to Elk Creek.

For further information on Elk Creek, contact the Rogue River Basin Office at 541-878-2255 or visit the website: <http://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/locations/rogueriver/elkcreek.aspx>

PROJECT DATA

Lost Creek Lake

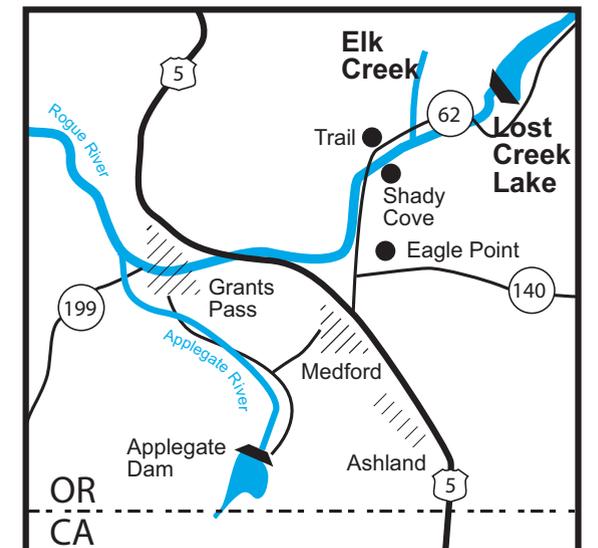
	Measure	Metric
Dam		
Length	3,750 ft	1,143 m
Height	327 ft	100 m
Elevation (NGVD*)	1,872 ft	570 m
Total megawatt capacity	50 mw	

Lake		
Length	10 mi	16 km
Area when full	3,430 ac	1,389 ha

Elk Creek

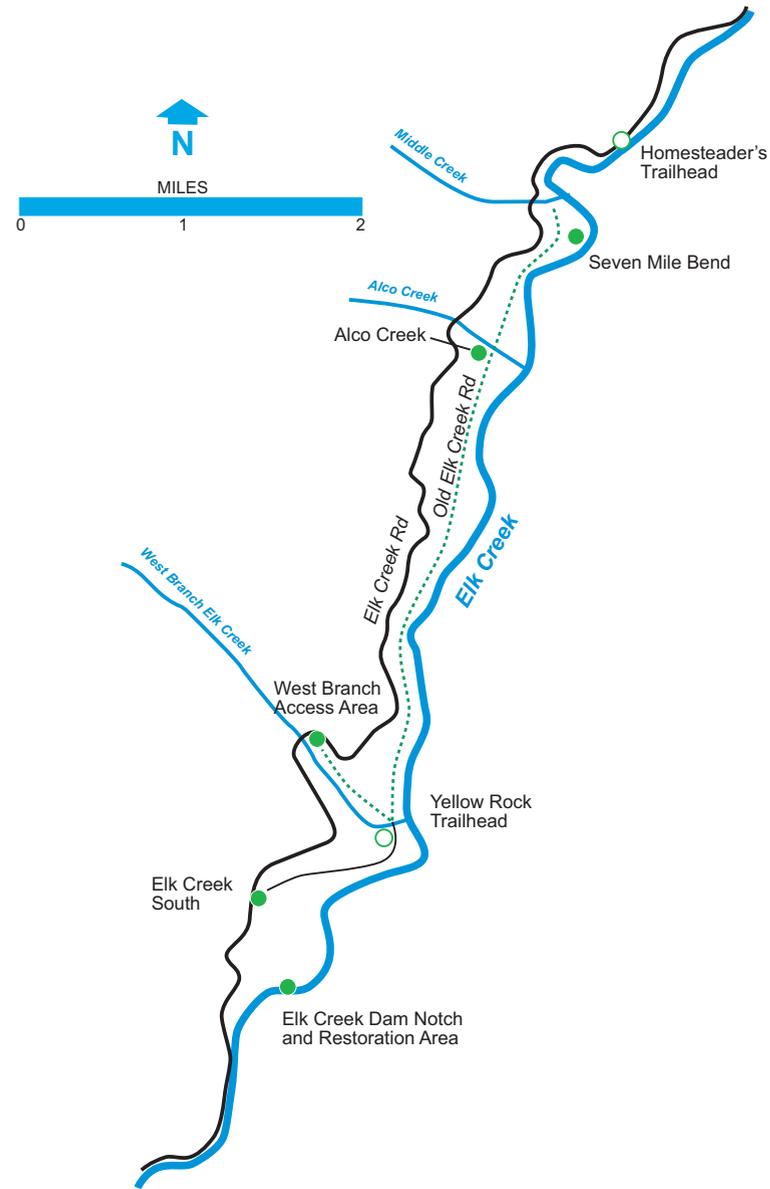
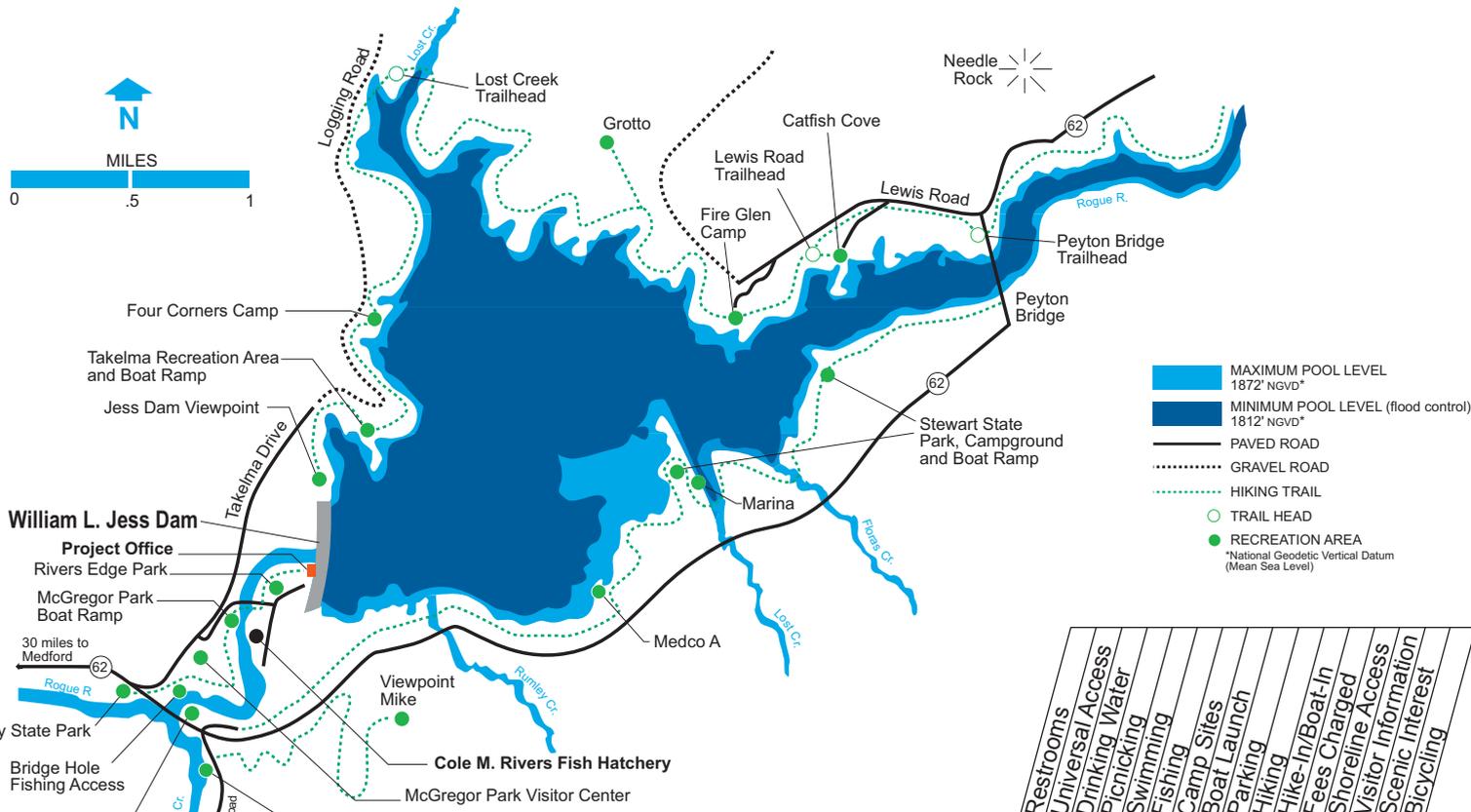
	Measure	Metric
Dam (remaining):		
Length	1,140 ft	347.5 m
Height	83 ft	25.3 m
Lands and Water		
Project Area	3,502 ac	1,417 ha
Elk Creek	8.1 mi	13 km

*NGVD National Geodetic Vertical Datum (Mean Sea Level)



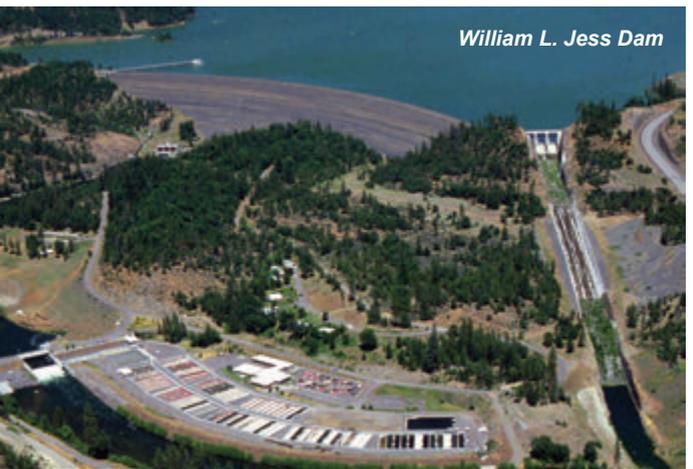
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LOST CREEK LAKE	Restrooms	Universal Access	Drinking Water	Picnicking	Swimming	Fishing	Camp Sites	Boat Launch	Parking	Hiking	Hike-In/Boat-In	Fees Charged	Shoreline Access	Visitor Information	Scenic Interest	Bicycling
Bridge Hole Fishing Access																
McGregor Park & Visitor Center																
McGregor Park Boat Ramp																
Riverside Fishing Access																
Cole M. Rivers Fish Hatchery																
Riversedge Park																
W.L. Jess Dam Viewpoint																
Takelma Recreation Area																
Four Corners Camp																
Lost Creek Trailhead																
Fire Glen Camp																
Lewis Road Trailhead																
Catfish Cove Picnic Area																
Peyton Bridge Trailhead																
Stewart State Park Campground																
Stewart State Park Day-Use																
Medco A Fishing Access																
Spillway Fishing Access																
McGregor Fishing Access																
Crowfoot Road Wayside																

ELK CREEK	Parking Lot	Picnicking	Hiking	Restrooms
Homesteader's Trailhead				
Seven Mile Bend				
West Branch				
Yellow Rock				
Elk Creek South				
Alco Creek				



William L. Jess Dam



Elk Creek

