



## POLICY

Number 73

SUBJECT: USE OF LANDS AND WATERS OF THE  
HENRY M. JACKSON HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT

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### POLICY

This Policy of Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County (the "District") establishes regulations for the use of lands and waters associated with the Henry M. Jackson Hydroelectric Project (the "Project"). Public access to and use of such lands and waters for recreation shall be authorized during daylight hours only, and shall be without charge. Use for other than public recreation must be pre-authorized by the District in writing and may be subject to such charges and conditions as the District may prescribe in the interest of public safety, protecting and enhancing the scenic, recreational, and other environmental values of the project, and sustaining facilities.

The public is allowed access to Project lands throughout the year, from dawn to dusk, with the exception of lands around facilities as detailed in these use regulations. The Olney Pass Recreation Site shall be open to vehicles year-round. Spada Lake Reservoir boat 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 to vehicles during the freshwater sport fishing season. The Trout Farm Road Recreation Site shall be open to vehicles when fishing is authorized under applicable Washington state regulations for the Sultan River.

The Assistant General Manager (AGM) for Generation, Power, Rates, Transmission Management, 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.



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### AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES

Authorized activities include:

1. Hiking, bicycling, and cross-country skiing (year-round), in areas not otherwise prohibited;
2. Picnicking, in designated areas only (when sites are open) and not within 20 feet upland of the shorelines;
3. Hunting, during Washington state-authorized hunting seasons or as provided by applicable federal laws or treaties, and in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. *However*, no hunting within 200 feet of roads, trails, or recreation sites, and 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. The District may use 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 administration and maintenance of shorelines, tributaries, facilities, and terrestrial and aquatic resources;

*NOTE: All water-contacting equipment (e.g. boats, trailers, bladders, tanks, felt-soled footwear) shall be decontaminated of all invasive biota (including any non-native, invasive plant or animal species, such as but not limited to, Eurasian water milfoil, zebra / quagga mussels, Asian Clams, and New Zealand mud snails), according to District protocols, at a location outside the Spada Lake watershed, prior to entering the watershed.*

6. Fires in designated fire-pits only;



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- 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 shall remain under owner’s control at all times. Dogs shall not enter waters and all waste must be retrieved and properly deposited in sanitary facility;
- 8. Use of licensed motorized vehicles on the following improved roads when not gated: 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
- 9. Use of licensed motorized vehicles and unlicensed off-road vehicles by only the District, City of Everett, and authorized government agencies, on any roads.

*NOTE: Requests for use of Project land or waters for other than public recreation shall be submitted in writing to the District’s Generation Department for consideration prior to use. District authorization in writing is required prior to use.*

**PROHIBITED  
ACTIVITIES**

Except with the express, prior written authorization of the District, the following are PROHIBITED on Project lands and waters:

- 1. Overnight 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;



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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. Using licensed motorized vehicles off improved roads, and unlicensed motorized vehicles anywhere, except as expressly allowed above;
8. Using combustion-powered boats, except as expressly allowed above;
9. Fires, outside of designated fire pits;
10. Discharging firearms, except as may be reasonably necessary and incidental to lawful hunting and shooting of game animals. *However*, discharging 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. Using lands, waters or facilities for any purpose other than an authorized purpose, or at any time between dusk and dawn;
12. Take-off and/or landing of civil or hobby aircraft, manned or unmanned, regardless of aircraft size (including drones). The District may use manned or unmanned aircraft systems over Project lands and waters;
13. Consuming intoxicants;
14. Fireworks;
15. Loud or disorderly conduct that 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. Landing boat(s) on the east shore of Spada Lake Reservoir from the North Fork of the Sultan River north to Williamson Creek, on the north shore of Spada Lake Reservoir, on Culmback Dam, and/or on the west shore of Spada Lake



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- Reservoir from Culmback Dam southeast to the section line between Sections 28 and 29;
- 18. Introducing any non-native, invasive plant or animal species, such as, but not limited to, Eurasian water milfoil, zebra/quagga mussel, Asian clam, and New Zealand mud snail;
- 19. Any activity that represents a threat to “source water protection” obligations under law, specifically WAC 246-290-130 Source approval and/or WAC 246-290-135 Source water protection; and
- 20. Any other activity determined by the District to be inconsistent with the purposes of protecting and enhancing the scenic, recreational, and other environmental values of the Project.

**PROHIBITED AREAS**

Prohibited public access areas:

- 1. Culmback Dam and all appurtenant facilities (except for use of the designated recreation sites at the dam or hiking/bicycling across the dam on the designated roadway/trail, all during daylight hours, unless otherwise posted);
- 2. Spada Lake Reservoir waters and adjacent shoreline west of the safety boom; and
- 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



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AGM or their designee for proper administration of the lands and waters subject to this Policy.

### WARNING AND DISCLAIMER

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The District shall not be liable for any injury, loss or damage to any person or the property of any person who is using Project lands and waters. Entry upon 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 his/her 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

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Direct inquiries about this Policy to the District Generation Department's Manager of Natural Resources.

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