



PORT OF KLICKITAT

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Construction Begins At Bingen Point

Bingen, Washington – Construction has started on the Port of Klickitat's Bingen Point Infrastructure Improvement project. Scheduled for completion in early November, the project will affect visitors to Marina Park and those using the walking trail along the south side of Bingen Lake.

“Because work is taking place in areas frequented by the public, safety is a primary concern,” said Port Executive Director Marc Thornsby. “We urge those that are visiting Marina Park, as well as those walking to it or along Bingen Lake, to avoid construction areas and to be aware of the presence of heavy equipment and other construction-related hazards.”

Thornsby noted that open trenches and vaults, drop-offs, uneven terrain, and other dangers capable of damaging vehicles or injuring people and pets may await those who choose to cross barricades or ignore signs adding, “We want our visitors to have an enjoyable experience and hope they will respect the safety devices and heed the warnings and instructions provided by the contractor.”

The trail running along the south side of Bingen Lake is already closed to all pedestrians from the Maple Street turn-around east to Larch Street and it will remain closed for the duration of the project. Visitors are urged to use the dike road located south of the trail to skirt the construction zone. In addition, at various times throughout the project, the road to Marina Park will be closed to traffic and pedestrians. However, the public will continue to be able to access the park via detour routes established during the closure periods.

To request additional information about the project or to report an unsafe condition, please contact the Port at 509-493-1655 or via e-mail at port@portofklickitat.com.

About the Port of Klickitat

Economic development, transportation, and marine-based recreation are key functions of the Port of Klickitat. These are achieved through leasing industrial-zoned property, developing and renting industrial and commercial facilities, developing and maintaining rail spurs and dock facilities, assisting companies with an interest in locating in Klickitat County, creating and managing marine-based recreational facilities, and working closely with various partner organizations and agencies.

The Port of Klickitat is located in Klickitat County, Washington and was created in 1944. It is one of several port authorities located in the mid-Columbia region. It owns two industrial parks and several buildings, leases industrial property and space, operates a barge dock, and holds property set aside for a park and marina. Transportation access is provided via rail, river barge, highways 14, 35, and 197, and Interstate 84. More information can be found on the Port's web site at www.portofklickitat.com.

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At A Glance...

Who:.....Port of Klickitat

What:...BP Infrastructure Project

When:.....Sep. thru Nov., 2012

Where:.....Bingen Point

Quick Facts:....Marina Way and south Bingen Lake walking trail will be closed at various times.

Detours will be available.

Visitors are urged to be safe, respect safety devices, and avoid construction areas.