



DIVISION OF ENGINEERING AND ROADS
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July 14, 2008

Re: Newman Lake Milfoil Treatment Plans

Dear Newman Lake Resident:

The Newman Lake Flood Control Zone District plans to do an herbicide treatment to control an infestation of Eurasian water milfoil at Newman Lake. We are notifying property owners within $\frac{1}{4}$ mile of the planned and possible herbicide treatment areas (see notice and map attached), as there will be drinking and irrigation water intake restrictions for 3 days after treatment. There will be no restrictions on fishing, livestock (or pet) watering or any other use of the lake. There will be a 24 hour swimming restriction in treated areas. Please call and let us know if you have a lake water intake within these areas and if the 3-day restriction will be a hardship for you.

The herbicide used will be granular 2,4-D, a selective (broad-leaf only) systemic herbicide approved by Washington State Department of Ecology for aquatic use. The contract applicator will be posting beaches and docks the morning of or the day before the treatment date to all those who live within the affected area. We are currently planning treatment to occur on or shortly after July 22, 2008 depending on weather and contractor schedule.

As many of you know from previous newsletter articles, we discovered Eurasian watermilfoil (an invasive non-native aquatic weed) in fall of 2002 at Newman Lake in the outlet gate area. Milfoil is very invasive and if left unchecked can take over a lake; pushing out native aquatic species and growing in dense mats up to the surface from depths of 15 feet. This can negatively impact the use of the lake for fishing and recreation as well as deleteriously affect fish and wildlife habitat. Milfoil spreads mostly by fragments which can re-root easily, so control can be difficult.

We therefore are implementing control efforts as quickly and effectively as possible. To help us fund these efforts, we have obtained matching grant funding from Washington Department of Ecology. We appreciate your help and cooperation with these efforts.

For more information on the entire project, as well as maps of other treatment areas, please refer to our website at www.nlfczd.org. If you have any concerns or questions, please call me or Jane Anderson at 509-477-3600. You can also e-mail jmccann@spokanecounty.org.

Sincerely,

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