

**Federal Agencies Sponsor Public Information Meetings
at Libby, Montana, and Creston, British Columbia**

The Army Corps of Engineers will discuss current operation of Libby Dam and the ongoing Upper Columbia Alternative Flood Control and Fish Operations Environmental Impact Statement.

When: 7:00 p.m., April 14, 2003
Where: First National Bank Meeting Room
504 Mineral Avenue
Libby, Montana

On hand to discuss operations, take comments and answer questions will be representatives from Libby Dam, as well as representatives from the Corps' Seattle District and Portland Northwestern Division offices. Online information and links are at www.nws.usace.army.mil/libby.cfm and www.nws.usace.army.mil/ers/varq_web.htm

For further information, contact Mick Shea, Libby Dam project manager, at 406-293-7751.

Army Corps of Engineers discuss the ongoing Upper Columbia Alternative Flood Control and Fish Operations Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and interim implementation of the variable discharge alternative - VARQ

When: 7:00 p.m., April 15, 2003
Where: Canyon Room, Creston and District Community Complex ("Rec Centre")
312 19th Avenue North
Creston, BC

Corps staff will provide information on the environmental impact statement process, gather information on Canadian analyses and perspective of potential impacts, and discuss the recent decision on interim implementation of VARQ at Libby and Hungry Horse Dams. Input from the meeting will be used to help prepare the draft EIS and supplement the formal EIS scoping process.

For further information, contact Mr. Evan Lewis of the Corps at (206) 764-6922.