



Public Safety Notice

INCHELIUM-GIFFORD FERRY

*UPDATED INFORMATION IN BLUE

DATE: April 18 2017 at 9:45 am

INCHELIUM, WA - The Inchelium - Gifford Ferry will be operable today and tomorrow, but will go out of service on **Saturday, April 22, 2017**. The docks only allow the ferry to go to the elevation of 1232' above sea level. The plan is to draw the water down to 1222.7' to avoid flooding from melting mountain snow. It is anticipated that the Ferry will resume operation on May 12, 2017.



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ROAD CLOSURES ON THE RESERVATION:

- SR21 North of Bridge Creek Road north of Keller, WA
- Omak Lake Road to Kartar Valley
- Inchelium / Kettle Falls Highway at MP 20, Inchelium, WA

***COLUMBIA RIVER ROAD HAS REOPENED**

SAFETY MESSAGE: Use caution when traveling on roads covered by water. We have received reports that several people have ran over debris (rocks) causing flat tires.

NEED SANDBAGS? They available to the public at the following locations:

In Omak – Sandbags are available for pick up at PSIS. The bags can be found by the maintenance shop. To fill them, go to: Green Acres pit off of old Riverside Hwy. North of Omak. There will be a sign that will say Green Acres but please do not load any sand that may be orange in color that is the iced sand and could potentially cause contaminations in the water areas. We are currently working with Okanogan County on getting easier access to sand.

In Keller – Sandbags are available at the Keller Store parking lot unfilled bags can be picked up from the fire station and filled at the Ferry County shop and Community Center.

In Inchelium – Sandbags are available at the Community Center and also have unfilled bags available at EMS Station. Bags can be filled using the “long pile” at the sand pits located by Hall Creek turn off. **Please only use sand from the designated pile so we do not potentially pollute waterways by using the salted sand.**

**BE SAFE.
DRIVE SMART.**

For emergencies contact:

- Colville Tribal Police Department at 509-634-2472, 1-800-551-5800 or 911
- Ferry County Sheriff’s Office at 509-775-3132 or 911
- Okanogan County Sheriff’s Office at 509-422-7200 or 911