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Lake Chelan Boat Company  
Jack Raines  
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Dear Jack,

This letter is to inform you of the repairs the Forest Service needs to complete on the Fields Point Dock which will interrupt ferry service during the second week of November. Forest Service engineers inspected the dock last week and have determined that immediate repairs are necessary to insure that the dock remains structurally stable and continues to provide safe access for the public. The dock will be closed for repairs on Monday, November 11 after you have made your scheduled afternoon stop at Fields Point. Repairs are expected to be completed by 5 PM on Friday, November 15. This schedule will impact scheduled ferry service on two days, November 13 and November 15.

The Fields Point dock has experienced ongoing float maintenance issues and additional flotation was installed last year. However, recent storm damage has further exacerbated flotation functionality. The Forest Service has deemed it necessary to make larger scale repairs before the dock structure is compromised which could result in additional repairs and longer interruptions of service. Repairs will require that the dock be flipped over for new float installation which will make the dock unusable for passenger use. Additionally, repairs will be more easily executed before winter weather becomes a limiting factor in accomplishing this essential work.

I feel confident that we can work together to inform prospective passengers of this temporary closure while insuring that the public retains access to their 'uplake' destinations. Ferry use is limited at this time of year and many of the passengers are affiliated with Holden Village/Holden Mine Remediation and the Stehekin Community. The Forest Service has direct and ongoing channels of communication with the Holden community to redirect passengers to boarding in Chelan. I understand that the Lake Chelan Boat Company also has a proactive communication link with the community of Stehekin.

Please contact Paul Willard, *Resource Assistant*, 509-682-4960, [pwillard@fs.fed.us](mailto:pwillard@fs.fed.us), 428 West Woodin Ave, Chelan, WA 98816 if you have questions or concerns about this project.

Sincerely,

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District Ranger

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