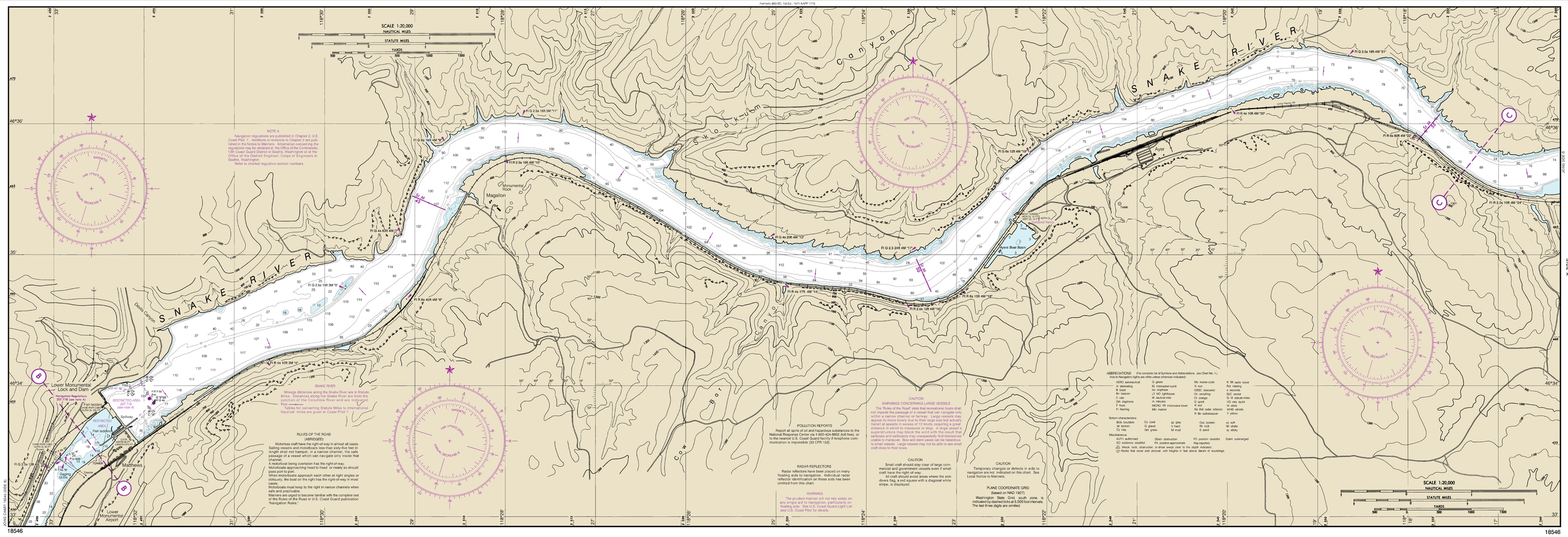

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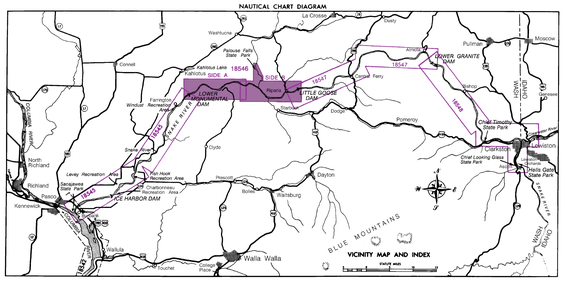


THE SNAKE RIVER FACTS AND HISTORY

The Snake River, one of the most important streams in the Pacific northwest section of the United States, is the longest tributary of the Columbia River.

The river rises in high, rugged mountains of the continental divide near the southwest corner of Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming and joins the Columbia near Pasco, Washington after flowing 1,038 miles. The river descends from elevations of 10,000 feet to an elevation of 300 feet.

Discovered in 1805 by the Lewis and Clark expedition, the Snake River with its many turbulent rapids presented one of the most difficult rivers for the Expedition to negotiate. Canoes were damaged by rocks, supplies became saturated and some supplies were lost when a canoe capsized.

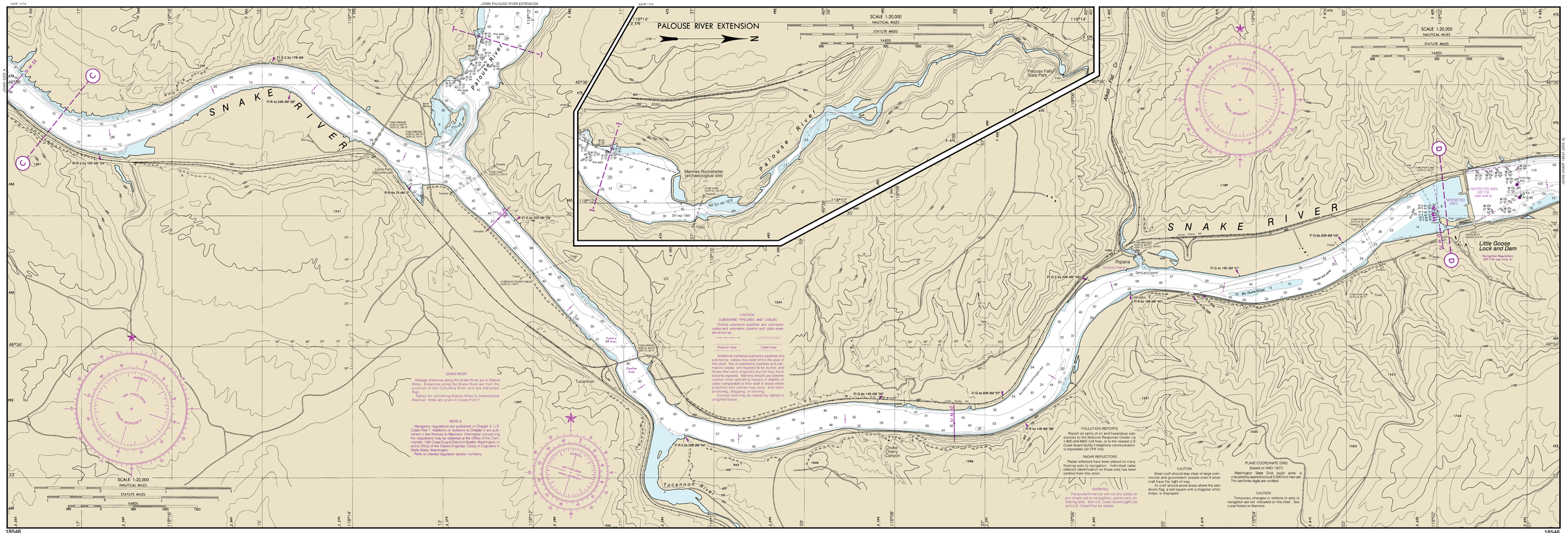
Today, near Pasco-Kennewick, Sacajawea State Park and museum is dedicated to the Indian woman who guided the explorers.

LOWER SNAKE RIVER DAMS

ICE HARBOR
LOWER MONUMENTAL
LITTLE GOOSE
LOWER GRANITE

These four Snake River Dams were authorized by Congress to serve the Pacific Northwest as "Multipurpose" projects, providing electric power, slack-water transportation to the Pacific Ocean Ports, and to retain passage for anadromous fish to and from their habitual spawning waters inland.

Many parks and recreation areas are also planned by the Corps of Engineers for the enjoyment of the entire family. Northwest residents and their guests will have ready access to swimming, boating, fishing, skiing and picnicking.



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