

**Lyle Falls Fish Passage Project
Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DOE/EIS-0397)**

Responsible Agencies: U.S. Department of Energy, Bonneville Power Administration (BPA); Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation (Yakama Nation); Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW); U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (USFS),

Title of Proposed Project: Lyle Falls Fish Passage Project

State Involved: Washington (WA)

Abstract: BPA proposes to fund modification of the existing Lyle Falls Fishway on the lower Klickitat River in Klickitat County, WA. The proposed project would help BPA meet its off-site mitigation responsibilities for anadromous fish affected by the development of the Federal Columbia River Power System and increase overall fish production in the Columbia Basin. The fishway is owned by WDFW and operated by the Yakama Nation. Lyle Falls prevents some upstream migrating fish from reaching the upper watershed, especially when flows are low, and the existing fishway is inefficient. BPA must decide whether to fund the project; WDFW must decide whether to approve the proposed modifications and issue a Hydraulic Project Approval; and the US Forest Service must decide whether the project is consistent with the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

The underlying need for the project is to improve fish passage to habitat in the upper part of the watershed. The Draft EIS evaluates the potential environmental impacts of two alternatives: No Action alternative and the Proposed Action. These alternatives are described in detail in Chapter 2 of the Draft EIS. In selecting between the alternatives, BPA will consider the following purposes: provide properly functioning year-round adult fish passage; provide facilities to collect biological information to monitor success of fishery management actions; and enhance opportunities for adult salmonids to access and use habitat in the upper Klickitat River.

The proposed project could impact geology and soils, water resources, fisheries, vegetation and wildlife, threatened and endangered species, wetlands and floodplains, cultural resources, air quality, noise, human health, public safety, aesthetics, land use, transportation, recreation, and socioeconomics. Chapter 3 of the EIS describes the Affected Environment and potential impacts in detail.

Public comments are being accepted through May 12, 2008.

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