

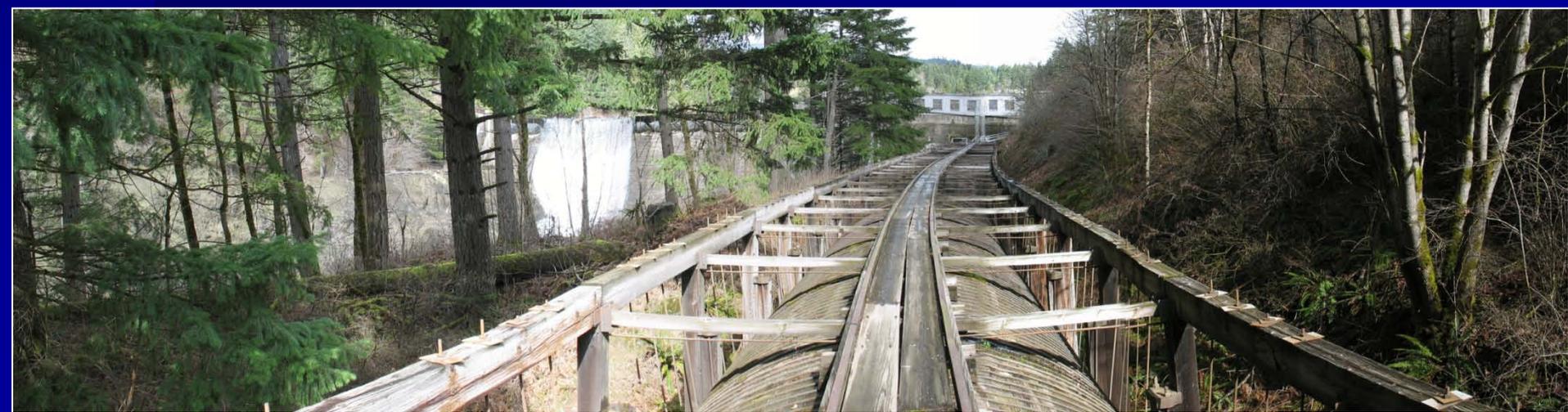
# Condit Dam Decommissioning – Current Status

Klickitat and White Salmon Rivers  
Fisheries and Watershed Science Conference

March 16, 2010

# Presentation Agenda

- Project Overview
- Key Removal Issues
- Facilities Removal
- Management Plans
- Expected Outcome



# Project Overview

- Project is located near White Salmon, WA
  - 45-miles east of Portland, OR
- 3-Miles upstream of the Columbia River
- Only man-made impoundment between Mt. Adams and the Columbia River
- Only one Columbia mainstem dam (Bonneville) between mouth of White Salmon River and Pacific Ocean



# Project Overview

## ■ Reservoir

- 11,000-foot long, covering 92 acres
- Supplied by 386 square mile basin that extends to Mt Adams
- Contains 2.3 million yds<sup>3</sup> of reservoir sediment



# Project Overview

## ■ DAM

- Concrete gravity dam, 125' high by 471' long
- 250'-long spillway
- Ten 10'-high Obermeyer gates
- Five radial gates  
10'-wide x 10' high
- One vertical lift gate, 6' x 12'



# Project Overview

## ■ Water Conveyance

- 13.5' diameter by 5,100-foot long wood stave flowline
- 40-foot diameter concrete surge tank
- The flowline bifurcates into 2 penstocks, 9' diameter x 650' long
- One penstock is steel pipe, while the other is wood stave



# Project Overview

## ■ Powerhouse

- Generation: 14.7 megawatts peak
- 2 double horizontal Francis turbines
- 77,850 megawatt hours of power per year



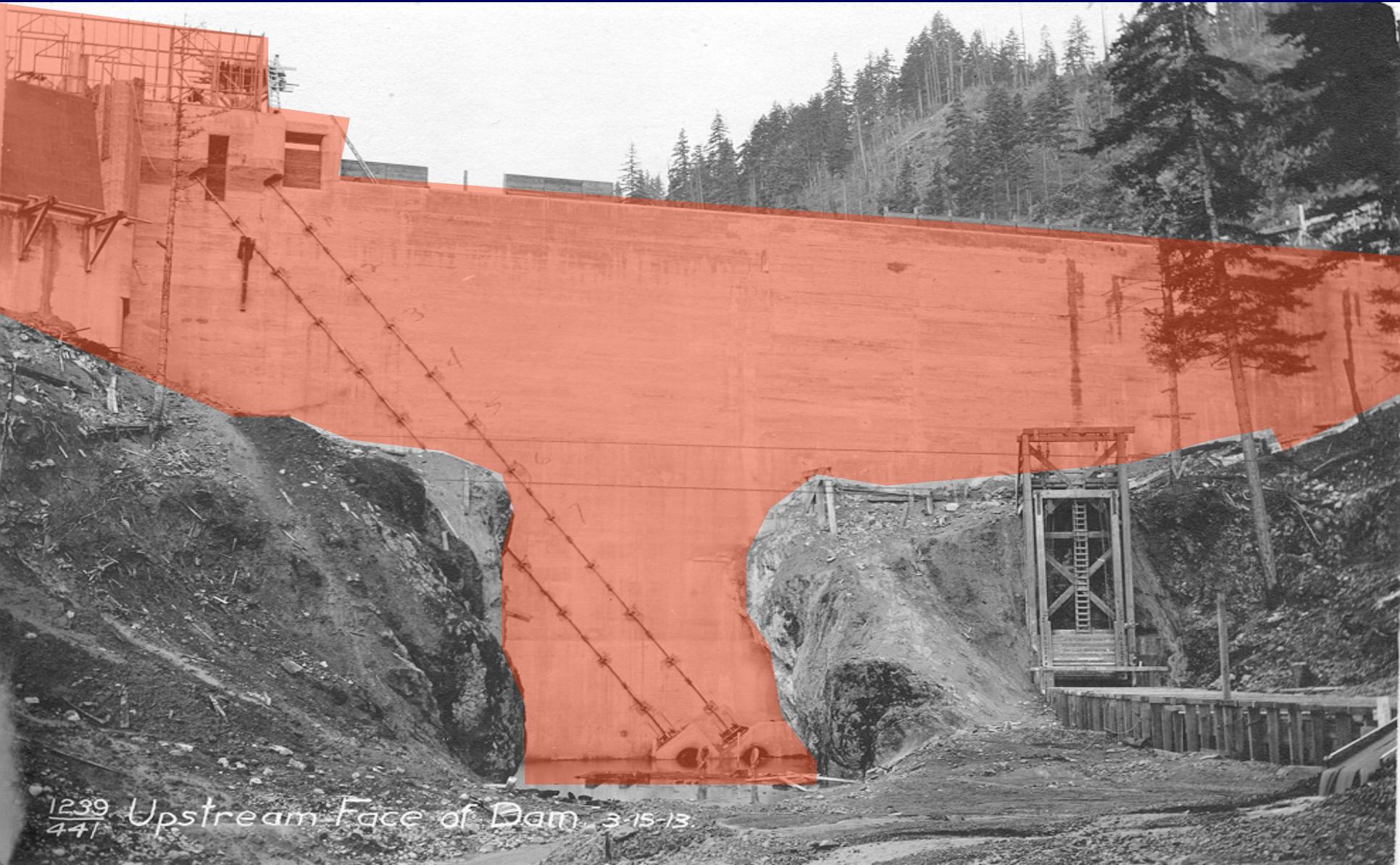
# Key Dam Removal Issues

- **Aquatic Habitat**
- **Sediment / Water Quality**
- **Site Management /  
Restoration**
- **Cultural / Historical Resources**
- **Public safety - security**

# Facilities Removal - Dam



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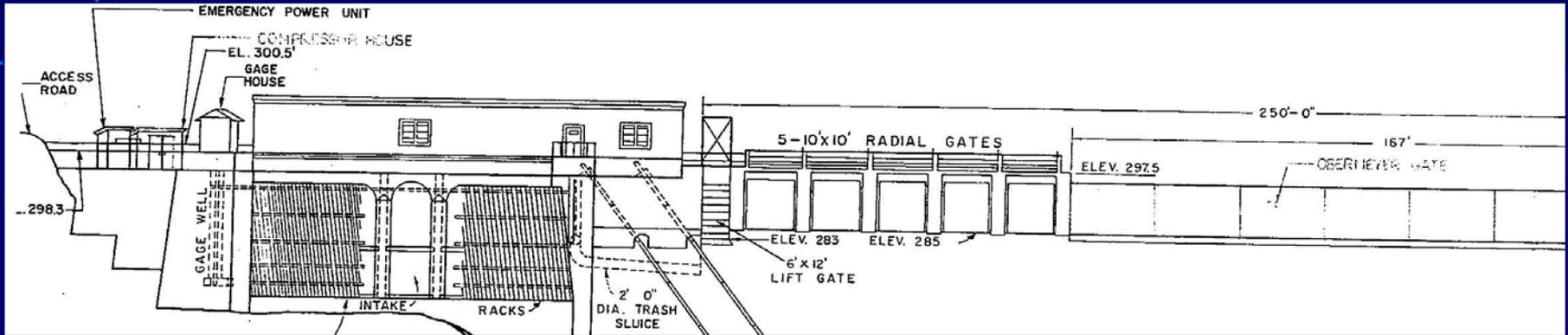


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# Facilities Removal - Dam

Approx. 6 Hours to Drain with Maximum of 10,000 cfs Flow



# Facilities Removal - Dam

- Once reservoir is drained tunnel to be kept open
- Conventional concrete removal
- Demolition will likely start at the top and successive layers blasted into blocks
- Dust Control Plan will limit transport of concrete dust
- Crushing operations will occur in proximity to Condit dam

# Facilities Removal – Surge Tank



# Facilities Removal – Surge Tank

- Interior electrical equipment removed
- Surge Tank will be collapsed and entombed
- Safety measures in spillway area
- Erosion Control Plan details cover and revegetation specifications



# Facilities Removal - Flowline



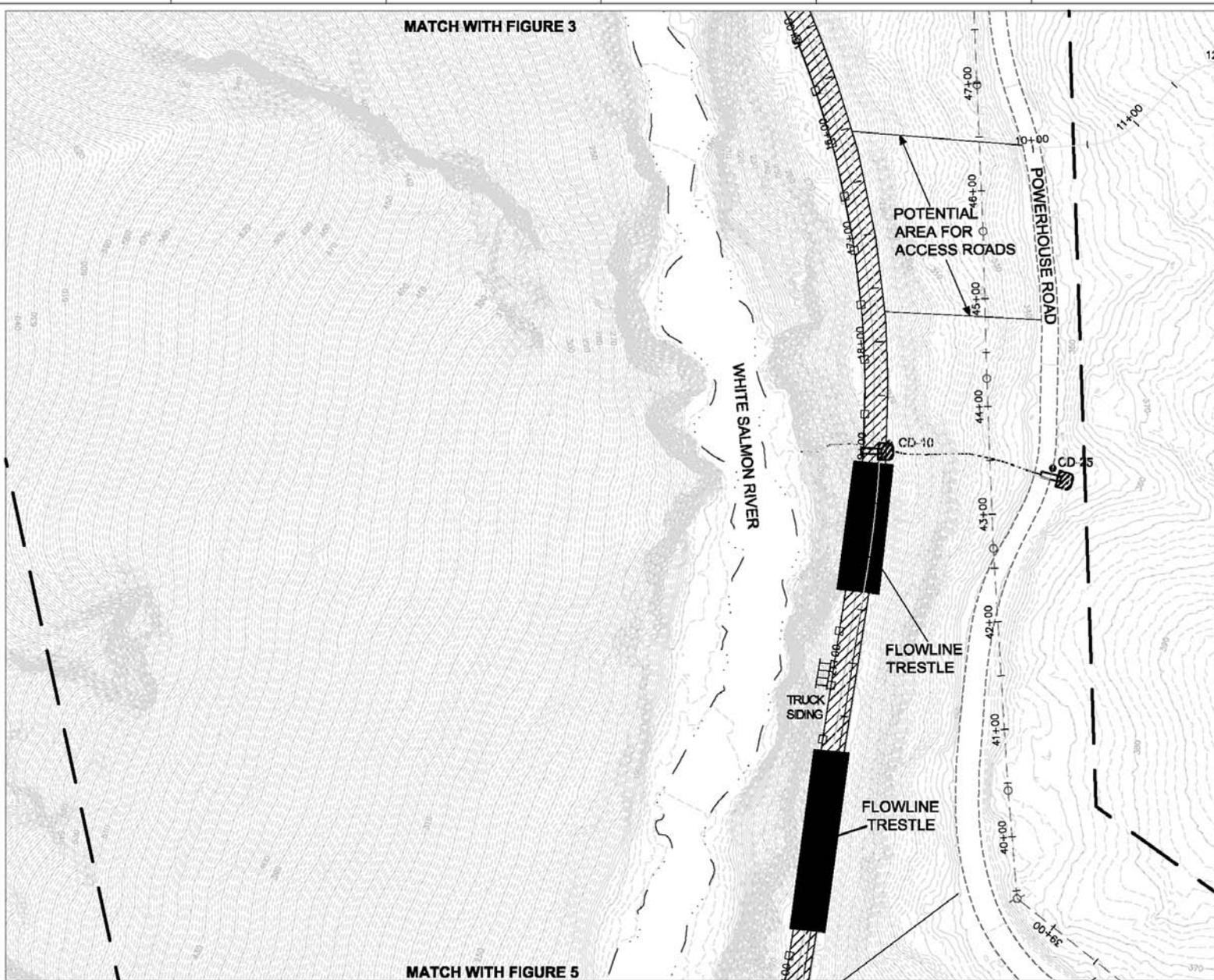
# Facilities Removal – Flowline & Penstocks

- Remove flowline timber framework, wood stave pipe, and concrete thrust block
- Use flowline alignment for concrete disposal
- Cover and revegetate for restoration
- Penstocks removed up to the powerhouse
- Seal penstocks with concrete bulkheads



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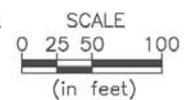
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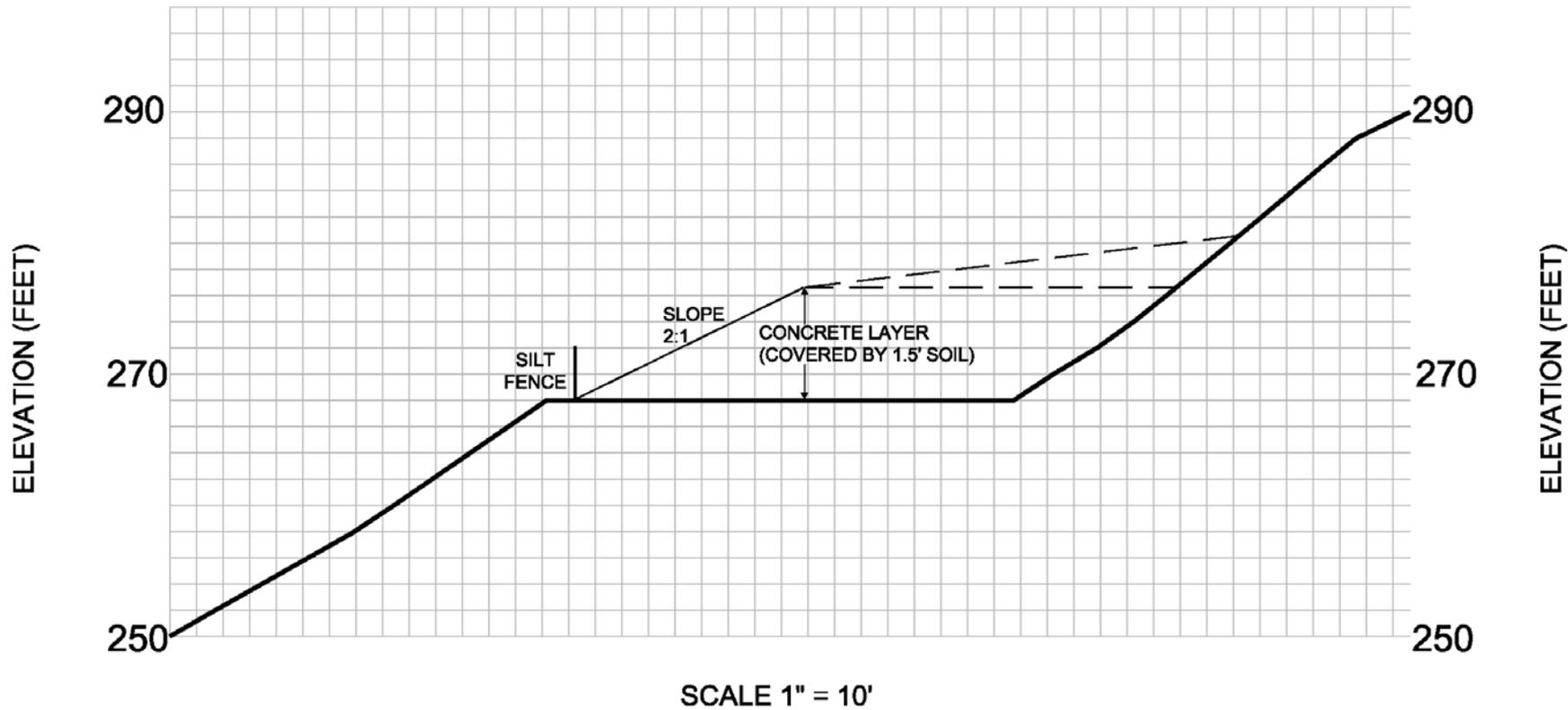
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**LEGEND**

- INTERMITTENT STREAMLET
- SILT FENCE
- SURVEY POINTS
- CULVERT INLET PROTECTION
- ACCESS LADDER
- STAGING AREA BOUNDARY
- AREA OF CONCRETE DISPOSAL
- TIRE BATH
- ACCESS ROAD ALIGNMENT



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# Facilities Removal – Flowline & Penstocks



# Facilities Removal – Cofferd Dams



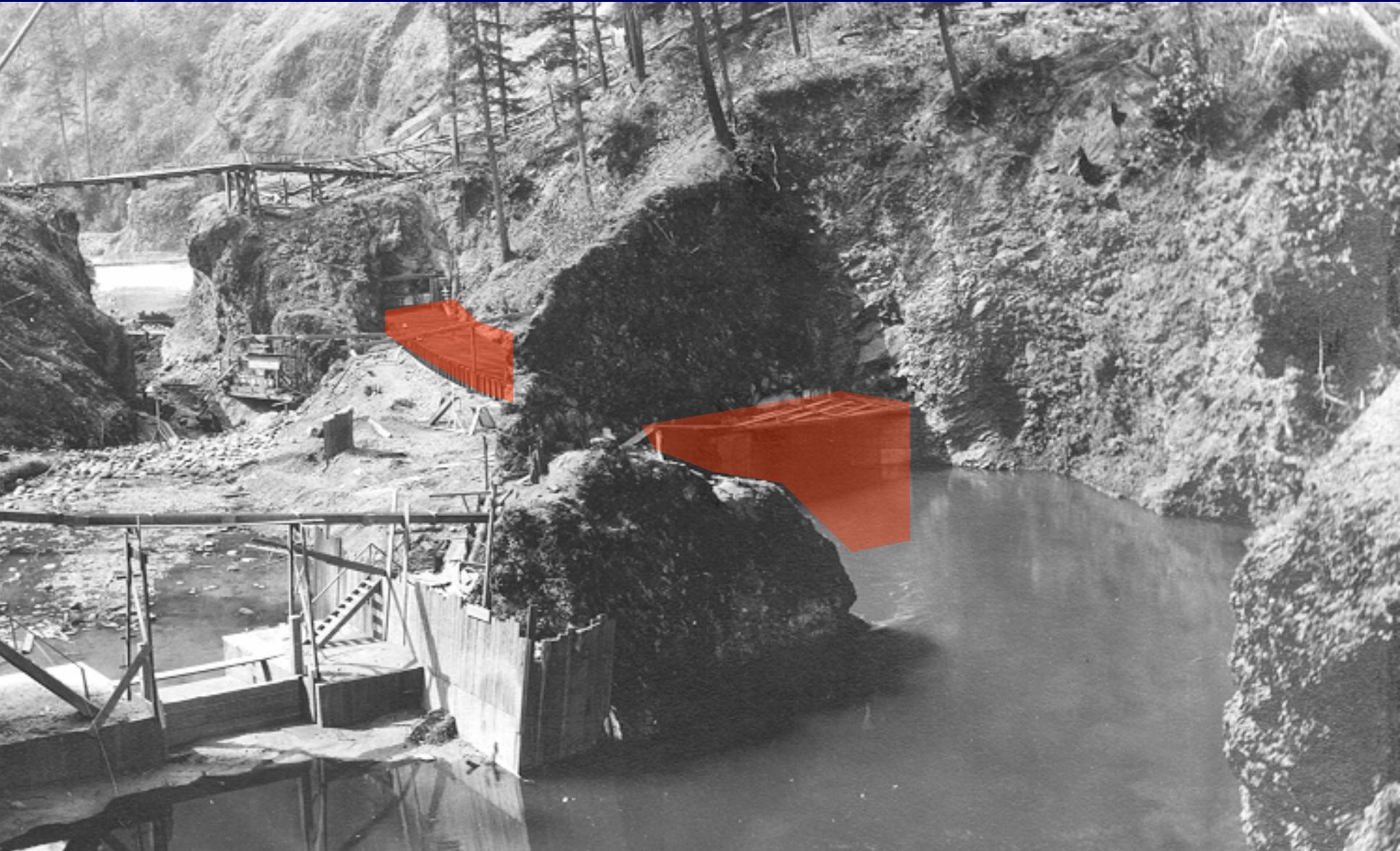
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# Facilities Removal – Cofferdams

Coffer Dams will be removed by May after breach to open fish passage



# Facilities Removal – Tunnels & Flumes



# Facilities Removal – Tailrace



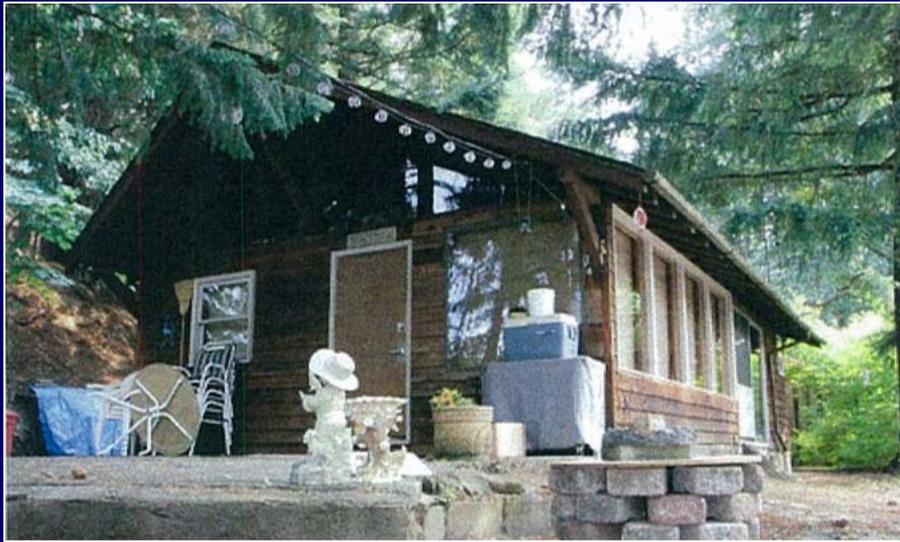
# Facilities Removal – Tailrace

- Remove vertical tailrace wall
- Leave base slab
- Area will fill with sediment after breaching



# Management Plans

## Historic Properties Management Plan



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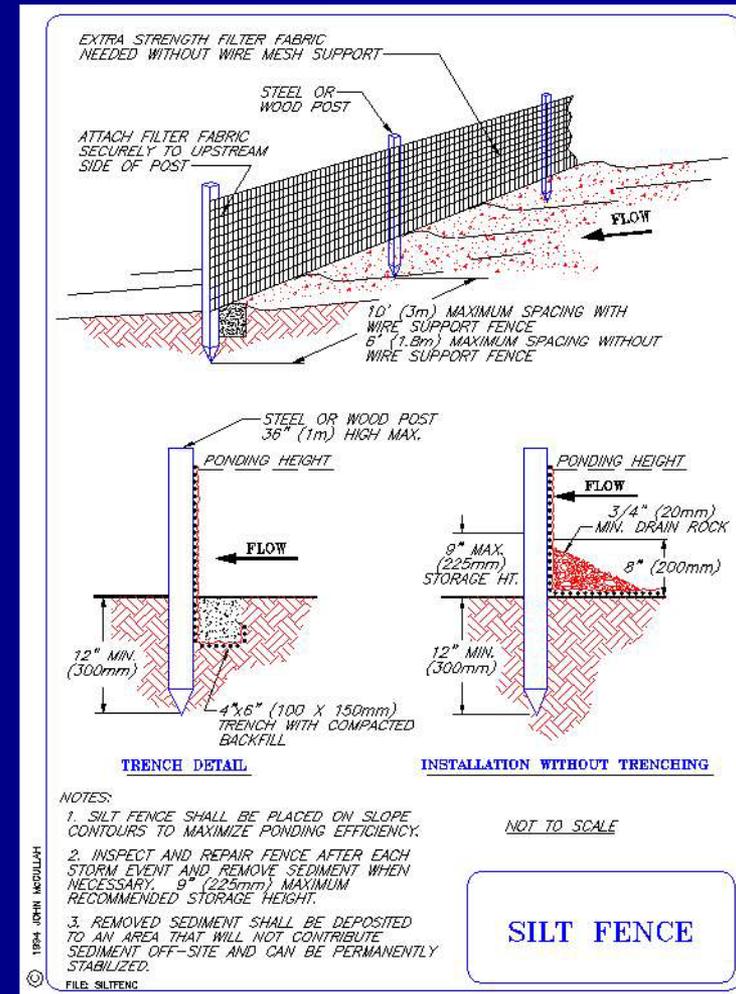
- Provides historic context for existing structures and older historic and archaeological features
- Evaluates the impact of decommissioning on historical resources
- Specifies provisions for additional surveys and archaeological monitoring for protection of undocumented historical resources

# Management Plans

## Erosion Control Plan

### Key Elements:

- Provides guidance for protecting tributary water quality
- Identifies proposed decommissioning staging areas and temporary roads
- Specifies BMPs to minimize erosion and implement revegetation





# Management Plans

## Dust Control Plan



### Key Elements:

- Specifies BMP's to minimize generation and duration of dust associated with blasting, dam demolition, and staging operations
- Addresses the desiccation of the former lakebed
- BMPs will provide protection of air and water quality

# Management Plans

## Spill Prevention, Countermeasures, and Control Plan



### Key Elements:

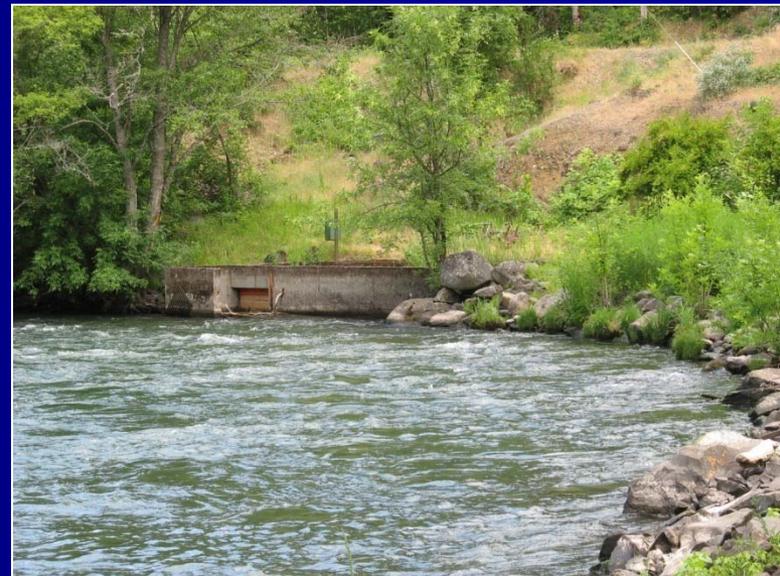
- Condit dam SPCC amended for decommissioning operations
- Specifies BMPs for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, reporting, training, and monitoring for petroleum and other hazardous fluids

# Management Plans

## Aquatic Resources Protection Plan

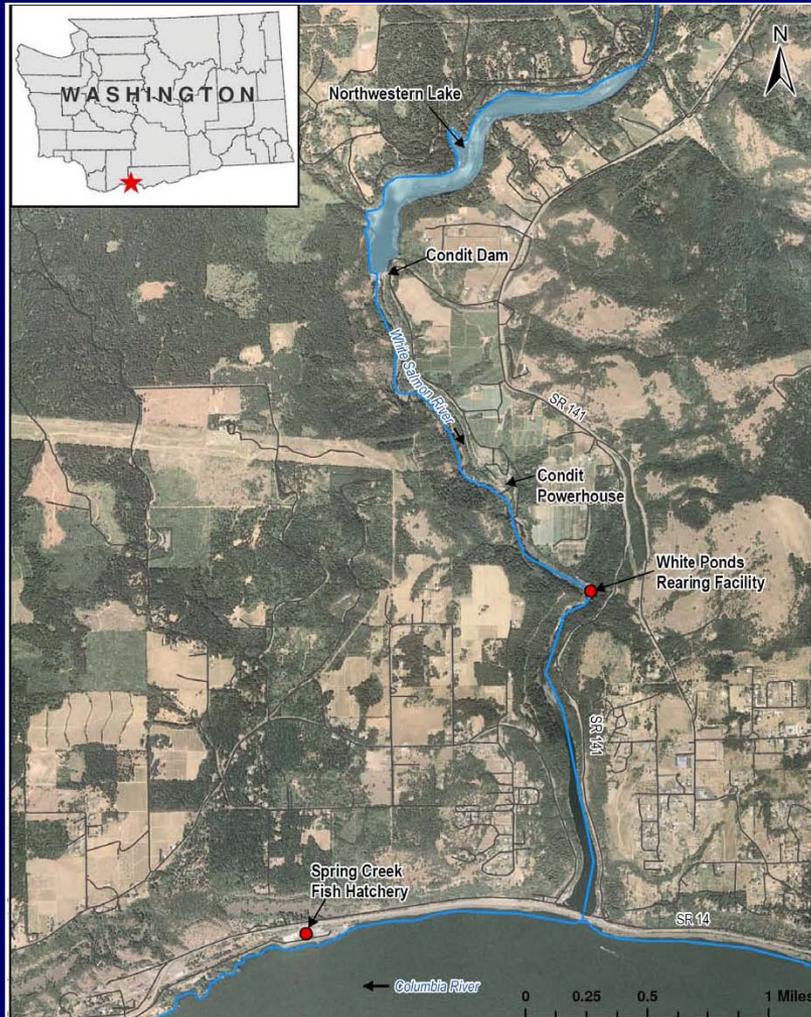
### Key Elements:

- Evaluated potential impacts to salmon, steelhead, bull trout, and western pond turtles
- Developed management strategies to minimize impact and manage fish passage



# Management Plans

## Fish Hatcheries Protection Plan



# Management Plans

## Fish Hatcheries Protection Plan for Big White Salmon Ponds Facility and Spring Creek National Fish Hatchery

- Evaluated potential impacts
- Formulated measures for protection



# Management Plans

## Public Safety and Traffic Control Plan

### Key Elements:

- Presents specific measures to protect public during breach and deconstruction
- Provides guidance to minimize project-related traffic accidents and minimize number and duration of delays



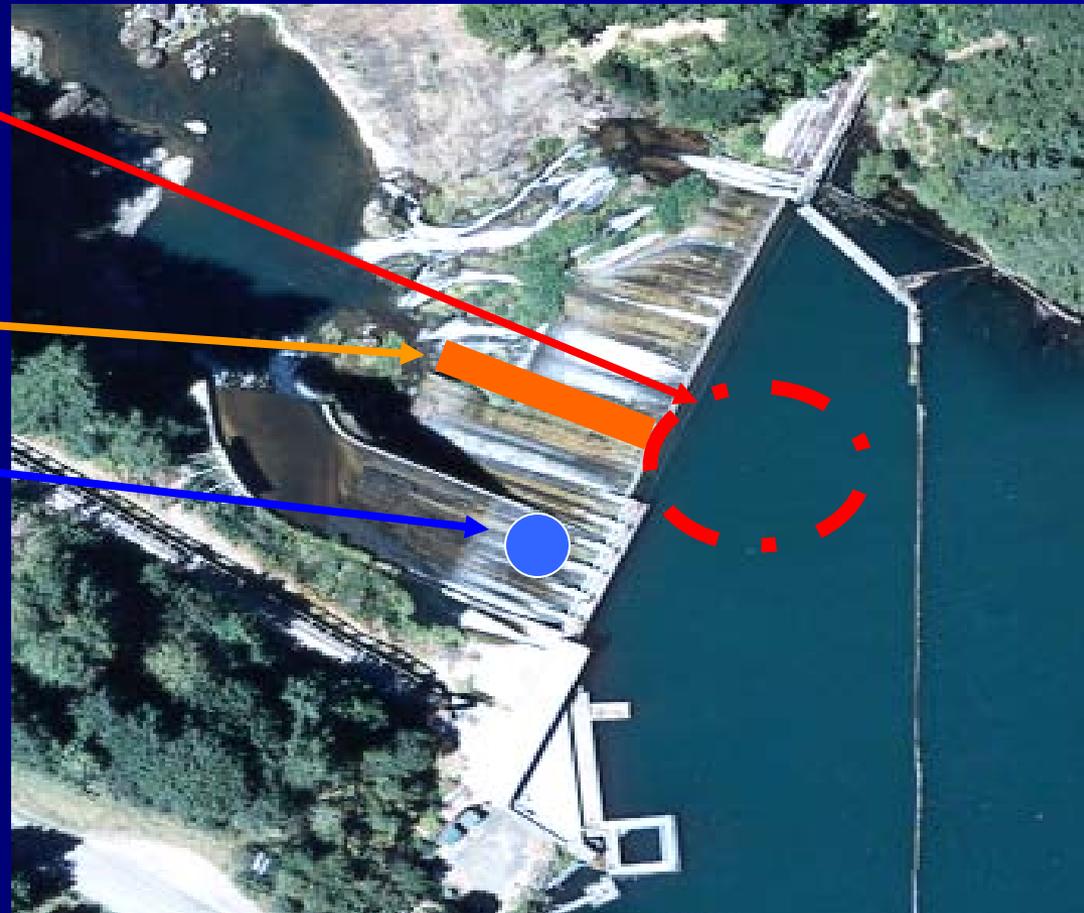
# Management Plans

Sediment Assessment, Stabilization, and Management Plan

**Sediment &  
Woody Debris  
Removal**

**Tunnel**

**Crane Location**



# Management Plans

## Sediment Assessment, Stabilization, and Management Plan

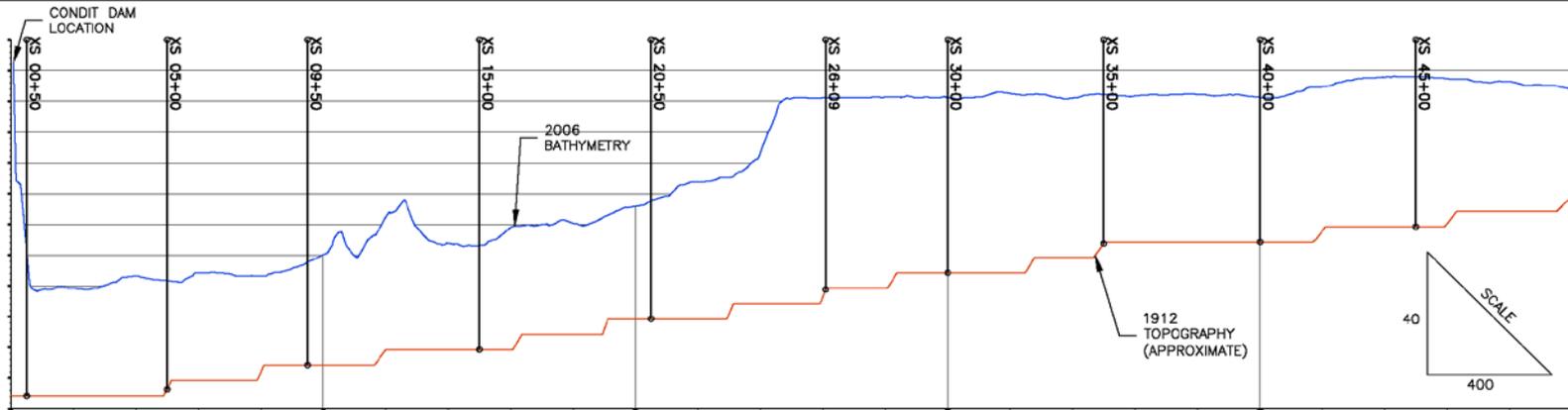


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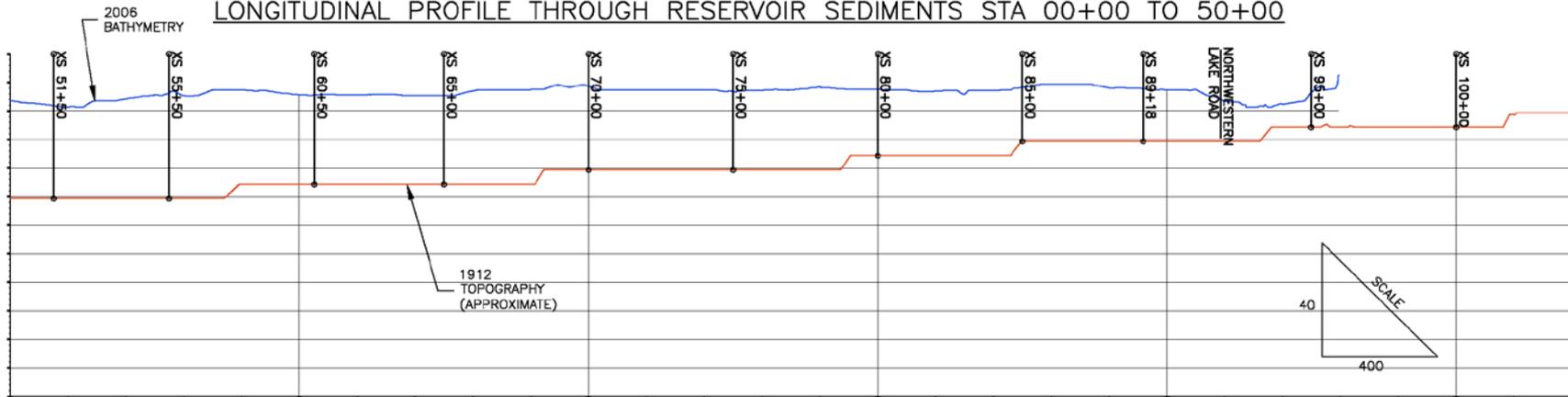
- 1.6 to 2.2 million cubic yards sediment released (75% fines)
  - Removed during initial breach and following year
- Active management as needed to recontour slopes
  - Public safety
  - Slope stability
  - Revegetation

**Table 2.3 Size Distribution of Reservoir Sediment**

| <b>Material Description</b> | <b>Minimum Size (millimeters)</b> | <b>Maximum Size (millimeters)</b> | <b>% of Material</b> | <b>Volume (cubic yards)</b> |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Clay                        |                                   | 0.004                             | 7.4                  | 178,257                     |
| Silt                        | 0.004                             | 0.0625                            | 28.8                 | 697,783                     |
| Very Fine Sand              | 0.0625                            | 0.125                             | 23.6                 | 571,936                     |
| Fine Sand                   | 0.125                             | 0.25                              | 16.2                 | 392,217                     |
| Medium Sand                 | 0.25                              | 0.5                               | 10.8                 | 260,805                     |
| Coarse Sand                 | 0.5                               | 1                                 | 7.6                  | 183,103                     |
| Very Coarse Sand            | 1                                 | 2                                 | 2.3                  | 56,695                      |
| Very Fine Gravel            | 2                                 | 4                                 | 1.1                  | 25,938                      |
| Gravel and larger           | 4                                 |                                   | 2.3                  | 54,805                      |
|                             |                                   | <b>Total</b>                      |                      | 2,421,539                   |



LONGITUDINAL PROFILE THROUGH RESERVOIR SEDIMENTS STA 00+00 TO 50+00



LONGITUDINAL PROFILE THROUGH RESERVOIR SEDIMENTS STA 50+00 TO 104+00

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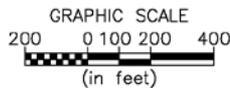
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- 2006 BATHYMETRY
- 1912 TOPOGRAPHY (APPROXIMATE)
- CROSS-SECTION LOCATION



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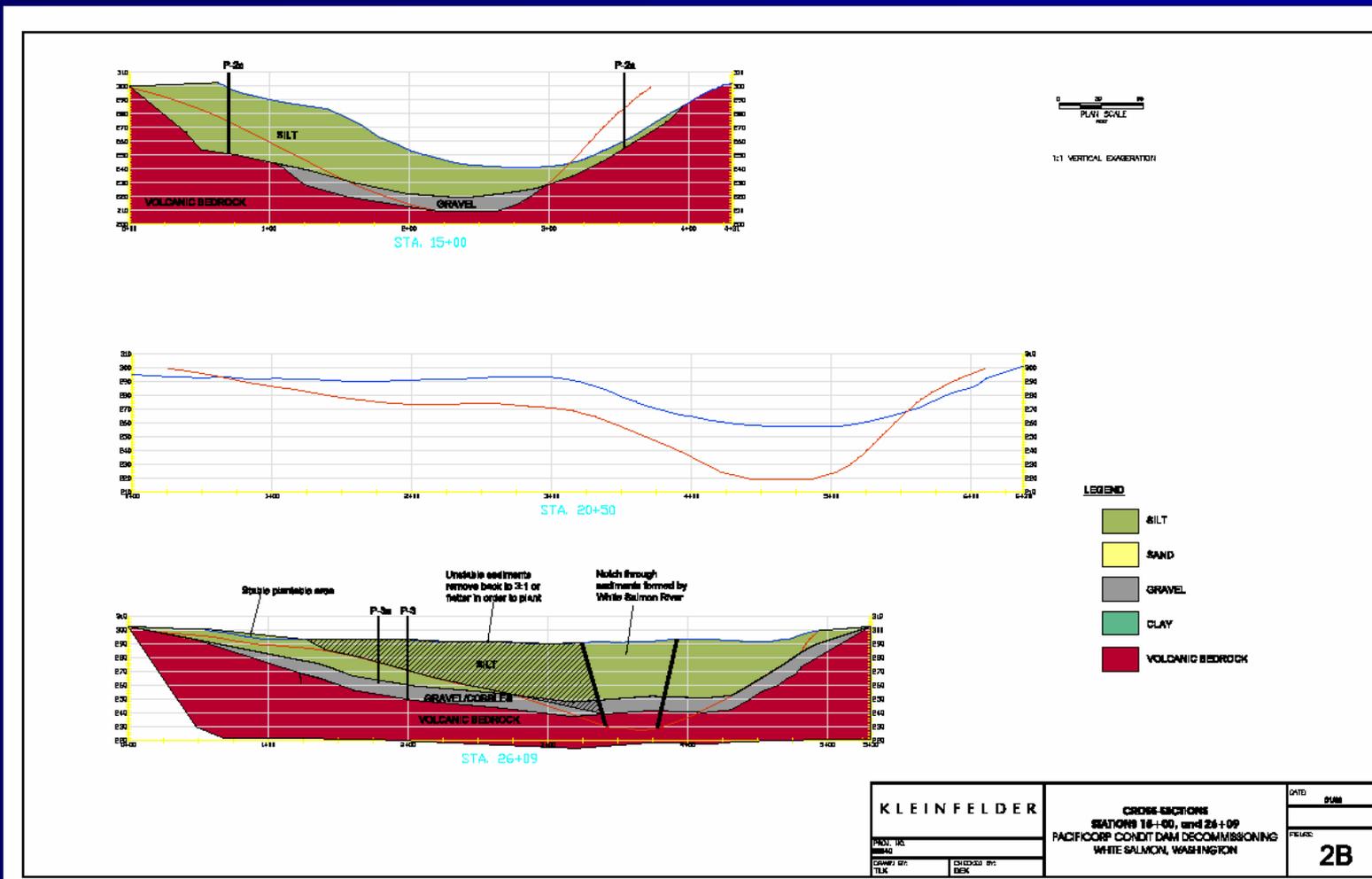
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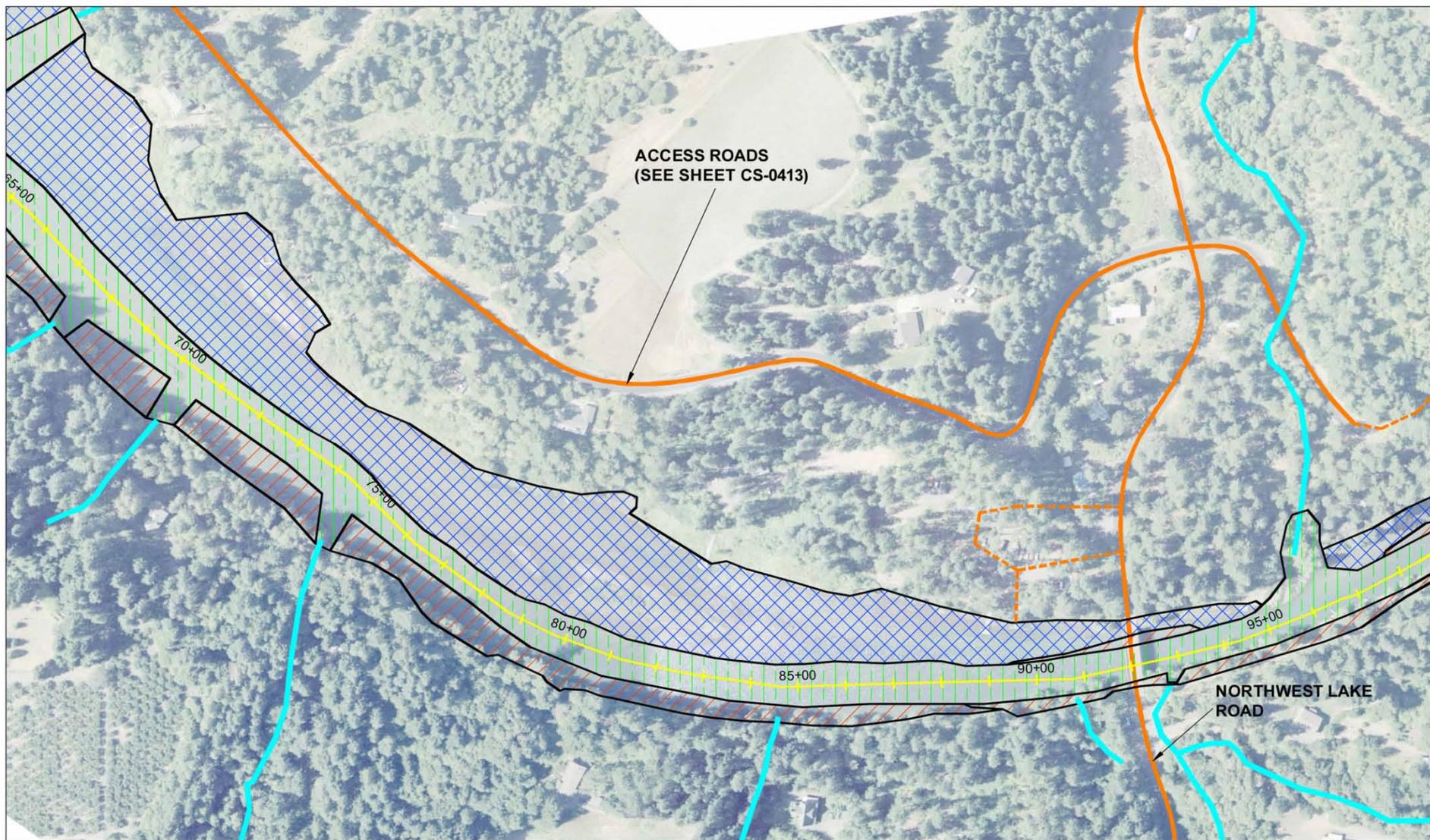
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# Management Plans

## Sediment Assessment, Stabilization, and Management Plan



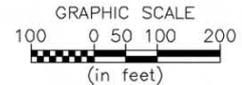


ACCESS ROADS  
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NORTHWEST LAKE ROAD

**LEGEND**

-  APPROXIMATE SEDIMENT REMOVAL ZONE BY NATURAL RIVER PROCESS
-  APPROXIMATE SEDIMENT REMOVAL ZONE BY CONTRACTOR (GOOD EQUIPMENT ACCESS)
-  APPROXIMATE SEDIMENT REMOVAL ZONE BY CONTRACTOR (POOR EQUIPMENT ACCESS)
-  HISTORIC THALWEG
-  STREAMS (APPROXIMATE)
-  UNPAVED ROAD OR DRIVEWAY
-  PAVED ROAD OR HIGHWAY



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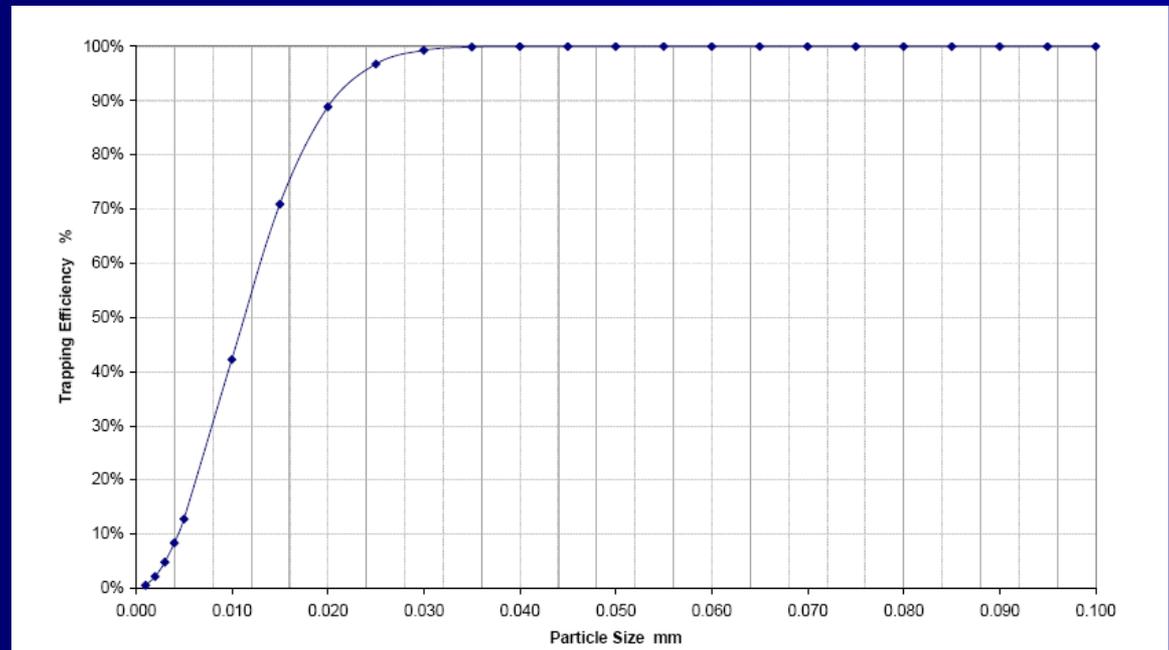
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PLAN (4 OF 5)

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# Sediment/Water Quality Predicted Effects

- An estimated 245,000 cubic yards will be trapped at the mouth of the White Salmon River
- All particles sand size and larger will settle within 5 miles of the mouth of the White Salmon River
- Two-thirds of clay-sized particles that pass Bonneville dam will reach the Columbia River mouth



# Sediment/Water Quality Predicted Effects

- At breach - 150,000 ppm TSS and 76,000 NTUs turbidity
- Three miles below mouth of White Salmon River - 1,600 ppm TSS and 790 NTUs turbidity
- TSS concentrations decrease exponentially with time
- Variables – incomplete mixing, preferential flow patterns, river bed geometry, other hydrodynamic factors

# Management Plans

## Woody Debris Management Plan



### Key Elements:

- Identifies channel areas with potential for woody debris transport and deposition
- Provides guidance to evaluate when woody debris may impede sediment flow, restrict fish passage, or present a public safety concern
- Specifies how woody debris conditions will be monitored
- Establishes criteria for woody debris to be stockpiled for other agency restoration work



# Management Plans

## Revegetation and Wetlands Management Plan



### Key Elements:

- Focused on reservoir area after draining and sediment management
- Delineates revegetative strategy to establish wetland, herbaceous, and upland habitat
- Specifies monitoring and criteria for determining successful replanting

**Table 2-1 Plants Identified in the Uplands and Wetlands of the Condit Project**

| Common Name             | Scientific Name   | Wetland Indicator Status (WIS) |
|-------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Beaked hazlenut         | <i>Corylus cornuta var. californica</i>                   | FACU                           |
| Bedstraw                | <i>Galium triflorum</i>                                   | FACU                           |
| Bigleaf maple           | <i>Acer macrophyllum</i>                                  | FACU                           |
| Bird's foot trefoil     | <i>Lotus corniculatus</i>                                 | FAC                            |
| Bitter cherry           | <i>Prunus emarginata</i>                                  | FACU                           |
| <b>Black cottonwood</b> | <b><i>Populus balsamifera</i> ssp. <i>Trichocarpa</i></b> | <b>FAC</b>                     |
| Black hawthorne         | <i>Crataegus douglasii</i>                                | FAC                            |
| Bracken fern            | <i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>                                | FACU                           |
| Broad-leaved starflower | <i>Trientalis latifolia</i>                               | FAC-                           |
| <u>Canada thistle</u>   | <u><i>Cirsium arvense</i></u>                             | <u>FACU+</u>                   |
| Cascara                 | <i>Rhamnus purshiana</i>                                  | FAC-                           |
| <b>Cattail</b>          | <b><i>Typha latifolia</i></b>                             | <b>OBL</b>                     |
| Climbing nightshade     | <i>Solanum dulcamara</i>                                  | FAC+                           |
| Cow parsnip             | <i>Heracleum lanatum</i>                                  | FAC+                           |
| Curly dock              | <i>Rumex crispus</i>                                      | FACW                           |
| Douglas-fir             | <i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>                              | FACU                           |
| Enchanter's nightshade  | <i>Circaea alpina</i>                                     | FACW                           |

**Table 3-1 Estimated Revegetation Zone Acreage**

| <b>Management Areas</b>  |  |
|--|--|
| <b>Actively Managed Zones</b>  | <b>Estimated Area</b>                              |
| Upland Areas (Section 3.2)<br>(seeded with herbaceous mix and planted with bare-root tree saplings)                          | <i>20 acres</i><br><i>(15 to 20 acres)</i>         |
| Riparian Areas (Section 3.3)<br>(seeded with herbaceous mix and planted with bare-root tree saplings and live willow stakes) | <i>3 acres</i><br><i>(5,200 l.f. at 25' width)</i> |
| Wetland Areas (Section 3.4)<br>(primarily natural establishment with limited planting)                                       | <i>4.8 acres</i>                                   |
| <b>Non-Actively Managed Zones</b>  | <b>Estimated Area</b>                              |
| Steep Slopes/Rocky Substrate (Section 3.5.1)<br>(no planting attempted)  | <i>35 acres</i>                                    |
| <b>Total Management Area</b>   | <b><i>62 acres</i></b>                             |

*Note: Actual site conditions following reservoir drawdown will undoubtedly change the total acreage of each of the revegetation zones and may require modifications to the management approach. .*



# Management Plans

## Environmental Monitoring Plan



### Key Elements:

- Specifies water and sediment quality monitoring
- Monitoring sites include the White Salmon and Columbia Rivers
- Monitoring will evaluate pH, turbidity, TSS, DO, mercury, and temp
- Will verify that BMPs are effective and when project-related impacts are no longer observed

# Management Plans

## Recreation Facilities Improvement



### Key Elements:

- Identifies changes to recreational facilities related to decommissioning and restoring the river
- Provides suggestions for opportunities to enhance public access and education about the area's history



# Expected Outcomes

- **Increased River Habitat**
  - **18 miles of potential river habitat available to steelhead & salmon**
  - **Restoration of natural runs of anadromous fish upstream of the dam**
  - **Benefit wildlife dependent upon anadromous fish**
  - **Restore the conservation value of designated critical habitat in the lower White Salmon River**
  - **By increasing summer flows in the bypass reach, temperatures will be restored to cooler conditions**
  - **Unregulated flows are expected to restore the transport of sediment and large woody debris through the former reservoir and lower White Salmon River which will benefit habitat quality**
  - **Increase whitewater recreation opportunities**

# Status

- WDOE Final Second Supplemental EIS – 1/21/10
- WDOE 401 Certificate
- US Army Corps of Engineers 404 Certificate
- FERC Surrender Order
  
- Procurement of Demolition/Management Plans Contract
  
- Engagement with City of White Salmon and Klickitat/Skamania Counties
  
- Removal in 2011
  
- Cost cap of \$28.5m

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