

WPUDA supports preserving the Federal hydropower resources provided by the Snake River Dams

Congress should prevent any efforts to remove the Snake River Dams; a critical component of the hydropower system and the economic prosperity of the Northwest.



Preserving the value of our Federal hydropower

Work is underway on an Environmental Impact Statement on the Federal Columbia River Power System and, while WPUDA supports a fair and comprehensive review of all factors that impact the operation of the system, we oppose any action that would undermine the cornerstone of Washington's clean energy economy and quality of life; federal hydropower.

Hydroelectric dams provide more than 60 percent of the Northwest's energy. The Federal dams, including the Snake River Dams, are a vital part of our clean, renewable energy portfolio and a critical component of the Northwest's economic prosperity.

Northwest ratepayers have committed over half a billion dollars annually to ensure the clean, renewable energy delivered to the region is done so in an environmentally responsible manner.

WPUDA urges Congress to prevent any efforts to remove the dams.

The importance of the Snake River Dams as part of the Federal Columbia River Power System

- The system provides low cost, low carbon, flexible generating resources to balance intermittent renewable resources such as wind and solar.
- The energy provided from the dams is key to ensuring resource adequacy (having enough energy to meet customer needs). With the retirement of coal resources, expected growth in energy needs, and a growing population, there will be greater need for the reliable energy produced by the dams, increasing their importance and need for Congressional support.

Following are the WPUDA members that have adopted resolutions in support of the Snake River Dams:

Asotin	Grays Harbor	Okanogan
Benton	Kittitas	Pacific
Chelan	Klickitat	Skamania
Cowlitz	Lewis	Wahkiakum
Ferry	Mason 1	Grant
Franklin	Mason 3	Douglas
Energy Northwest		

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