

## North Umpqua Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 1927-008

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### Issue:

Forest is working **collaboratively with eight parties** to **relicense** the **185-megawatt project** covering **3,200 acres** in the **headwaters** of the North Umpqua River on the Umpqua National Forest. The Project includes threatened **coho salmon** species habitat and **33.8 miles of Wild and Scenic River**.

### Background:

- ❑ Project was **built between 1947 and 1956** under the terms of a 50-year license issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).
- ❑ Forest Service participated in the **relicensing process since 1991** to determine the new license conditions necessary for protection and utilization of the Umpqua National Forest.
- ❑ **Eight-party settlement agreement** was signed in June 2001.
- ❑ FERC issued a **FEIS in April 2003** for the North Umpqua Hydroelectric Project.
- ❑ Forest Service filed Final 4(e) Terms and Conditions; Section 7(a) Determination, Wild and Scenic Rivers Act; Aquatic Conservation Strategy and Forest Plan Consistency Determination; and responded to public comments regarding development of the Final 4(e) Terms and Conditions.
- ❑ A license is anticipated to be issued by the FERC Commission in 2004.
- ❑ Forest Service, in consultation with other parties, is **developing eight management plans** ranging from recreation to transportation and gaging to aesthetics.
- ❑ **Implementing the Settlement Agreement measures** could cost PacifiCorp approximately \$29.4 million annually with power benefits of approximately \$39.7 million.

### Examples of Opportunities:

- ❑ Umpqua National Forest currently receives funding for backlog of **deferred recreation maintenance** from 2002 to 2004.
- ❑ In 2004, the Forest will receive **\$250,000** offsetting Project's adverse impacts to aquatic, terrestrial and other natural resources.
- ❑ Beginning in 2004, the Forest will receive **\$8 million** in eight disbursements over a 24-year period.



*Proposed site for section 8.3 of the settlement agreement that develops 5,000 to 15,000 square feet of spawning habitat below Soda Springs Dam.*

## **Opportunities (*continued*)**

- ❑ Building a **fish ladder** at Soda Springs Dam will result in **6.6 miles of additional habitat for anadromous fish** by 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the new license.
- ❑ Instream flows increased under new license.

## **Parties to the Settlement Agreement:**

- ❑ PacifiCorp
- ❑ USDA – Forest Service
- ❑ USDI - Fish & Wildlife Service
- ❑ USDC – National Marine Fisheries
- ❑ USDI – Bureau of Land Management
- ❑ Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife
- ❑ Oregon Department of Water Resources
- ❑ Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

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