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We have the opportunity to restore salmon and steelhead,
and bring the White Salmon River back to life

CONDIT DAM: A DAM THAT NO LONGER MAKES SENSE

Condit Dam (completed in 1913) is an impassable barrier that has devastated the White Salmon River's salmon and steelhead runs by reducing their habitat to only three miles. Wildlife that depend on these fish have also suffered.

In 1999, recognizing that Condit Dam had outlived its usefulness, the owner PacifiCorp signed an agreement with more than 20 parties, including conservation groups, the Yakama Nation, government agencies and recreation groups to remove the dam and let the White Salmon River flow free.



"Removal of Condit Dam will open many miles of habitat to wild salmon. The loss of this small amount of hydropower is far outweighed by the gain of vital habitat only one major dam away from the Pacific. We will all benefit from the restoration of salmon to the White Salmon River."

*– Pat Arnold,
Trout Lake*



"The dam was key in the early settlement of the area and development of local resources. Now we have other, larger sources of power and the dam is no longer needed. What we need now are places for salmon and steelhead to spawn. Dam removal would restore the river back to its natural state."
- George Knehr, White Salmon



A RIVER REBORN: BENEFITS OF DAM REMOVAL

Removing the outdated Condit Dam will restore a healthy, free-flowing White Salmon River, making the river an even greater asset for local communities and the region as a whole.

- ◆ Dam removal will open 33 miles of habitat for steelhead and 14 miles of habitat for chinook.
- ◆ Wildlife that depend on salmon will get a boost.
- ◆ Dam removal will open up 5 miles for rafting and kayaking and will create additional recreational opportunities on the river. At least 25,000 boaters use the river each year and recreation is of increasing importance to the local economy.

"Plans for river management need to include the needs of all users, including rafting outfitters like ourselves."
– Mark Zoller, BZ Corner



HOW WILL THE DAM BE REMOVED?

The removal of Condit Dam is scheduled to begin in 2008. The deconstruction will take place during the winter to minimize impacts on fish.

The reservoir will be drained through a tunnel excavated at the base of the dam. After the reservoir drains, the dam will be cut into pieces and hauled away.

The majority of the sediment currently trapped in the reservoir will wash downstream during and shortly after dam deconstruction. All of the long-term benefits of the free-flowing river will far outweigh any short term impacts immediately following the dam removal.

Dam removal "is the most fail-safe method to safely pass fish through the project area." – National Marine Fisheries Service

DID YOU KNOW?

Removing Condit Dam is the most cost-effective solution for the dam owner and for local communities.

When we remove Condit Dam, the river's salmon and steelhead should be healthy and thriving by 2030.