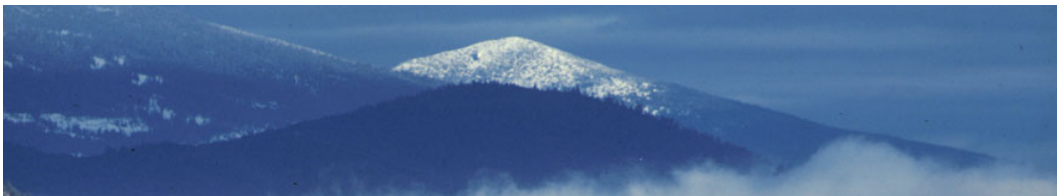


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Klamath Agreements Frequently Asked Questions

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Q. What are the Klamath Agreements?

A. Representatives of more than 50 organizations, including federal agencies, California and Oregon, Indian tribes, counties, irrigators and conservation and fishing groups have developed a comprehensive solution to resolve many of the complex water-related issues of the Klamath Basin. Many of the participants in the Klamath settlement process signed the Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement (KBRA) and Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement (KHSA).

Q. Are these Agreements currently in effect?

A. Yes, the KHSA and the KBRA were signed on February 18, 2010. Some aspects of the KBRA require Congressional action, but the federal agencies also have existing authorities to implement some provisions.

Q. What are some key parts of the KBRA?

A. The Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement is intended to result in effective and durable solutions which will:

1. restore and sustain natural fish production and provide for full participation in ocean and river harvest opportunities of fish species throughout the Klamath Basin;
2. establish reliable water and power supplies which sustain agricultural uses, communities, and National Wildlife Refuges; and 3) contribute to the public welfare and the sustainability of all Klamath Basin communities.

Q. What are some key parts of the KHSA?

A. The Hydroelectric Settlement lays out the process for additional studies, environmental review and a decision by the Secretary of the Interior regarding whether removal of four dams owned by PacifiCorp:

1. will advance restoration of the salmonid fisheries of the Klamath Basin; and
2. is in the public interest, which includes but is not limited to consideration of potential impacts on affected local communities and tribes.

The four dams are Iron Gate, J.C. Boyle, Copco 1 and Copco 2 dams on the Klamath River. The Hydroelectric Settlement includes provisions for the interim operation of the dams and the process to transfer, decommission, and remove the dams.

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