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Pacific Northwest Region

The Bureau of Reclamation manages, develops, and protects water and related resources in an environmentally and economically sound manner in the interest of the American public. The Pacific Northwest Region includes the entire Columbia River Basin watershed. Since 1904, Congress has authorized 39 projects for multiple purposes throughout the region. Each Reclamation project is individually operated in accordance with its own authorization.



Grand Coulee Dam

- Project water for irrigation and power generation is supplied from 54 reservoirs with a total active capacity of about 18 million acre-feet.
- Reclamation delivers water to 175 irrigation districts.
- About 2.9 million acres are irrigated by Reclamation-delivered water, for an estimated annual crop value of about \$2.1 billion.
- Annual power production averages more than 22 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity from 10 power plants for a gross annual value of more than \$600 million.
- Flood control benefits from 1950 to 2006 are about \$2.63 billion throughout the Pacific Northwest.
- Reclamation reservoirs receive more than 11 million recreation visitors annually. Most recreation sites are managed cooperatively with federal, state, or local partners.
- Visitor centers at Grand Coulee Dam and Hungry Horse Dam welcome more than one-half million visitors annually.
- The region's largest and most visible challenge is to manage its projects while meeting its Endangered Species Act obligations. Reclamation plays a vital role in the conservation of at least 16 threatened or endangered species listed under the Endangered Species Act, including salmon, steelhead, bull trout, and snails.