



# Columbia River System Operations EIS

## Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Preferred Alternative

**Available for review and comment February 28 – April 13, 2020**

You are invited to review and provide comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and the Preferred Alternative for the operations, maintenance and configuration of the Columbia River System, comprised of 14 federal dam and reservoir projects in Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington. The draft EIS, developed in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, documents the review of potential actions and discloses the environmental effects of taking those actions.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation and Bonneville Power Administration, as co-lead agencies, developed the draft EIS in response to the need to review and update management of the System, including evaluating impacts to resources in the context of new information and changed conditions in the Columbia River basin and in response to a court order by the U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon.

The Preferred Alternative detailed in the draft EIS is a suite of operational, maintenance and structural measures to allow the co-lead agencies to meet their congressionally authorized purposes, the Purpose and Need statement and EIS objectives, including those to benefit species listed as threatened and endangered under the Endangered Species Act. The co-lead agencies will respond to substantive comments on the draft EIS in the final EIS, to be released this summer.

Options to view the Draft EIS	Options to submit comments
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\* Messages sent to [info@crso.info](mailto:info@crso.info) or to the agencies by email, phone or social media are not recorded as comments for the public record. Use the other comment methods described here.

# CRSO Draft EIS Review and Comment

## Public Comment Meetings

We will have the following methods available:

### WRITTEN COMMENTS

- Computers for online submittal
- Comment forms
- Collection box

### VERBAL COMMENTS (2 minute limit)

- Privately and publicly recorded

### Doors open 4 p.m. for all meetings

<b>Lewiston, Idaho</b>	March 17	Red Lion Hotel, 621 21st St.
<b>Kennewick, Wash.</b>	March 18	Red Lion Hotel, 1101 N. Columbia Center Blvd.
<b>Seattle, Wash.</b>	March 19	Hilton Seattle Airport, 17620 International Blvd.
<b>Spokane, Wash.</b>	March 25	DoubleTree City Center, 322 N. Spokane Falls Ct.
<b>Kalispell, Mont.</b>	March 26	Red Lion, 20 N. Main St.
<b>Portland, Ore.</b>	March 31	Oregon Convention Center, 777 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. (east entrance)

**4-8 p.m. – Provide written and private verbal comments**

**5:15-8 p.m. – Provide public verbal comments**

To provide verbal comment publicly, please sign in to receive a lottery ticket.

Speaking order will be determined by ticket drawing.

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