

The Project

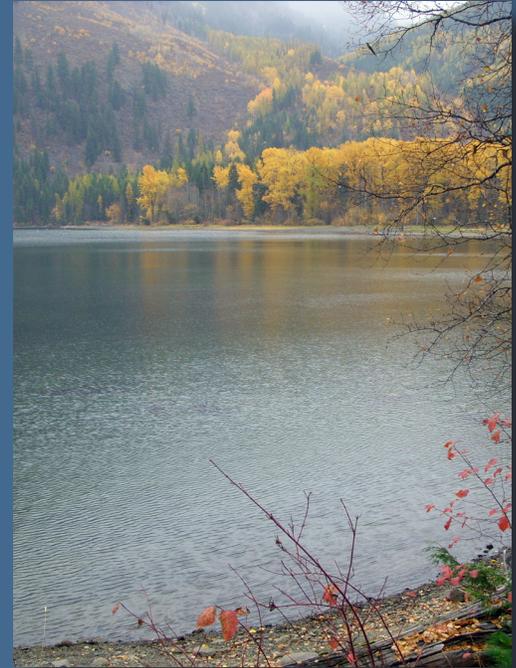
The Pend Oreille County Public Utility District will release 14,000 acre-feet of water from Sullivan Lake each summer, when the water is needed most. The Office of Columbia River (OCR) will allocate two-thirds of that water for new water rights for communities in Pend Oreille, Ferry, Lincoln, Stevens, Okanogan, and Douglas Counties. The remainder will go to enhance streamflows. Another goal of the project is to maintain high lake levels to benefit local recreation and fisheries.

Opportunities

- Very few water development opportunities exist in northeastern Washington. This project provides regional equity for OCR's water supply development efforts.
- Retiming water releases from winter to summer adds reliability to the region's water supply and enables OCR to issue new water rights for out-of-stream uses.

Expected Outcomes

- 9,400 ac-ft of water will be made available for new water rights.
- 4,600 ac-ft of water will be put into Sullivan Creek and protected all the way to the Pacific Ocean.



Location
Pend Oreille County

Partner
Pend Oreille County Public Utility District

Cost
\$14 Million

Economic Benefits to Six Northeast Counties

- \$1.4 Billion Added to Tax Base
- \$4 Million Annually in Economic Activity

Environmental Benefits
4,600 of water ac-ft added to streamflows

Timeline



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