

# Proposed Clear Branch Dam Remedial Project

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Hood River County Commissioners  
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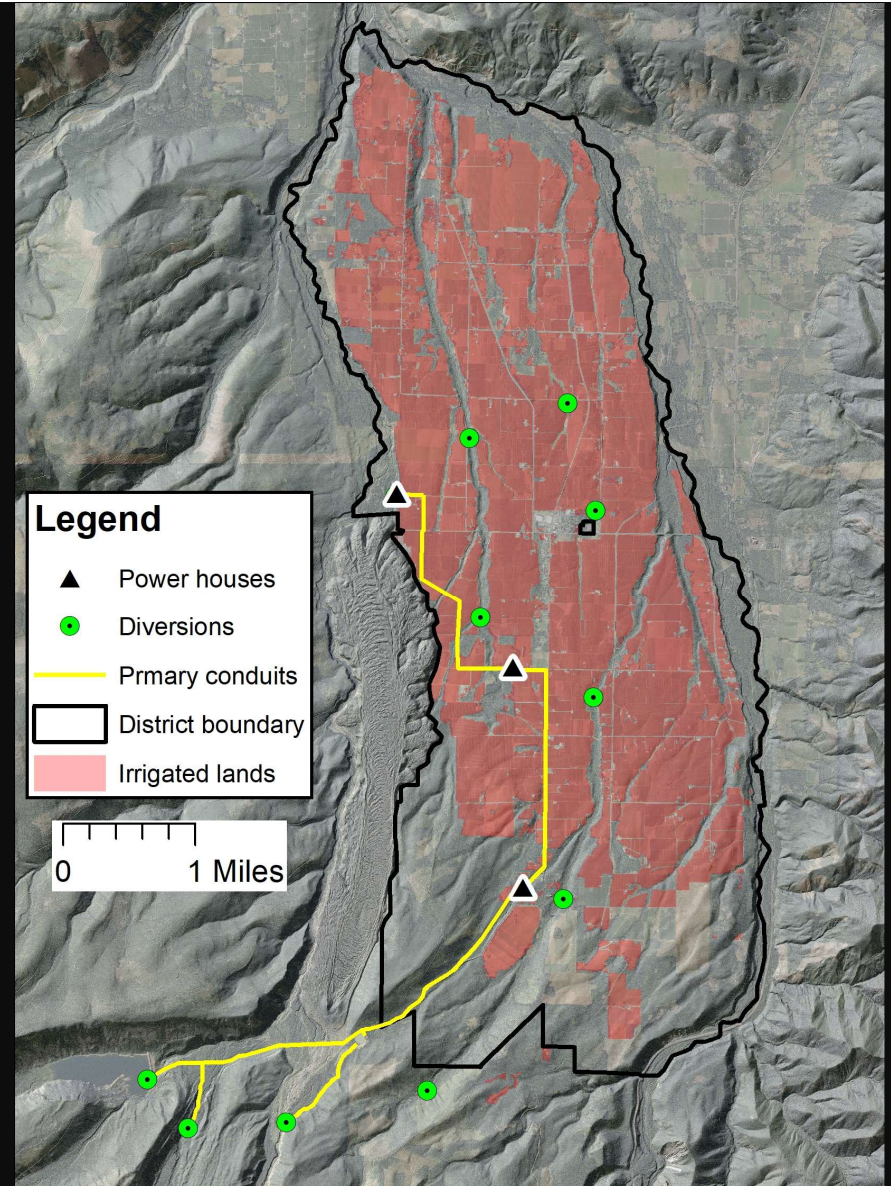
April 21<sup>st</sup> , 2025



# District Overview

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- 6,358 irrigated acres (26 % of irrigated ag in HRC)
  - Estimated \$40-50M gross farm receipts
  - Avg. 24,000 MWh annual hydro generation
  - Approx. \$2M annual hydro receipts, invested in local economy and MFID sustainability projects
  - Power for ~ 1,000 all-electric homes
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# Alternatives Under Review

## No Action Alternatives:

1. Continued operations under the IRRMs
2. Dam decommissioning – all MFID infrastructure removed from NF

## Action Alternatives:

3. Structural Remediation (Proposed Action)
4. New Storage Reservoir Dog River

# Major Rehabilitation Items

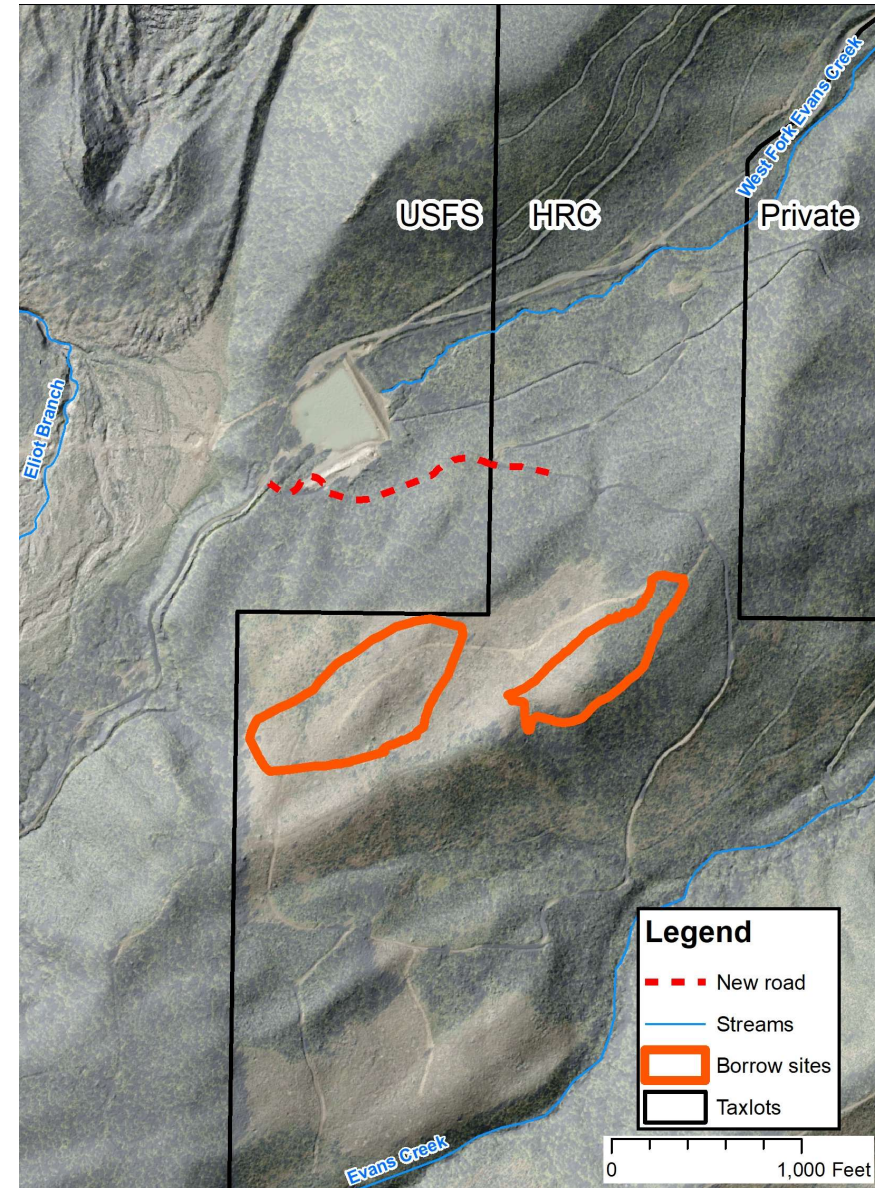
***Overall – bring the dam up to current safety & environmental standards:***

- Seismic Stability
- Controlled seepage
- Larger spillway to accommodate Probable Maximum Flood
- Increase use of Coe water
- New road alignment across Eliot debris field
- Fish passage
- Water quality



# Settling pond & County borrow sites

- Two potential borrow areas on County lands east of National Forest
- Augment materials taken from Eliot debris field
- New connecting road for material transport
- In discussion with County Forestry to lease borrow sites & use same sites for long term disposal of sediment pond spoils



# Timeline & County Commission Ask

## Timeline:

- Public meeting in June
- Draft EIS & public meeting in early 2026
- Final EIS / USFS & NRCS decisions early 2027
- Construction – 2028 - 2029

## County Commission Involvement:

- Overall support for the project
- Attendance at public meetings (awareness)
- Written support during comment periods



## Community Renewable Energy Association

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- Established in 2007
- Worked with ODOE & others to define Oregon's Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS)
- ORS 190 intergovernmental association
- Members include counties, irrigation districts, councils of government, project developers, for-profit businesses and non-profit organizations.
- Advocate for improved policies that support development of more community renewable energy
- Educate policy-makers and interested communities
- Technical expertise for developers, landowners and counties

