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Want to know more about the North Umpqua hydro project?

Half-day tour provides education about fish passage improvements

TOKETEE, Ore. -- Find out more Oct. 21 about the fish passage improvements being planned, and some already made, to the North Umpqua hydroelectric project approximately 60 miles east of Roseburg, Ore.

How will fish get over the 77-foot-high Soda Springs dam? How do you improve spawning areas for migrating fish? What is a tailrace, anyway? Get the answers on the half-day tour. The tour is part of a collaboration with a multi-agency group brought together by a settlement agreement signed in 2001 by project operator PacifiCorp and federal and state agencies.

On Tuesday, Oct. 21, interested individuals or organizations have an opportunity to see the projects and ask questions about fish and wildlife habitat mitigation work underway as part of PacifiCorp's ongoing stewardship of the scenic North Umpqua River.

The tour begins at the Toketee Control Center at 10 a.m. and should be completed by 2 p.m. The Toketee Control Center is located approximately 60 miles east of Roseburg off Highway 138. Look for the green sign for the Toketee School and the Hydro Control Center posted about 10 miles east of Dry Creek.

Attendees should bring a sack lunch and sturdy boots. Safety is a top priority, and a hard hat will be provided if needed at some sites.

Questions about the tour should be directed to Rich Grost at (541) 498-2617, or Pam Sighting at (541) 957-3342.

The tour is sponsored by the Resource Coordination Committee for the North Umpqua Hydroelectric Project. Members include PacifiCorp, the U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, National Marine Fisheries Service, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality and Oregon Department of Water Resources.

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