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### 2.0 Keno Dam Development

In 1920, this general area was the site of the dam and small powerhouse of the Keno Power Company. The California-Oregon Power Company (COPCO) purchased the Keno Power Company in 1921, and in 1927 Keno Power officially merged into COPCO. In 1931, the Keno Regulating Dam was constructed to regulate the flow of water between Klamath Falls and the site. The initial dam was known as Needle Dam and was made of timbers. That dam was replaced with the present structure in 1966. At that same time generation activities ended and the powerhouse structure was removed.

Currently, the Keno Development consists of the **Keno Dam (2.1)**, fish ladder, and communications building. The dam is a concrete gravity structure with six gates. It has a height of 25 feet, a length of 723 feet and a crest length of 680 feet. It is located approximately 24 miles downstream of Link River Dam. It operates as a regulating project to control reservoir levels, regulate the level of Lake Ewauna, and regulate the Klamath River between Keno Dam and Lake Ewauna. The Keno Dam features a long fish ladder with three switchbacks and more than twenty steps. It also has a pipe that generates attraction water for the fish, to draw them to the fish ladder.

There is a modern **communications building (2.2)** on the site, which is nearly identical to the communications building at Link River Dam. It is a single story, shed roof structure of rough-faced concrete block on a poured concrete foundation. The fenestration consists of a single metal door and a pair of metal doors on the front façade. There are also four metal louvered vents covered with solid metal shields. Its function is to provide electronic communications with Hydro Control Central at Merwin Dam.

The Keno Dam is adjacent to Keno Park, a public recreation and camping area that is owned and maintained by PacifiCorp.