Questions about the restoration program?
For more information, to get involved, or to send your ideas, contact KRRC at info@klamathrenewal.org or contact RES, the restoration contractor, at klamathinfo@res.us.

Local restoration jobs
KRRC’s direct activities in the Klamath Basin, including dam deconstruction and restoration work, will create a few hundred jobs in the Klamath Basin. Restoration work includes seed collection, plant propagation, and non-native plant control in the near term, as well as plant maintenance, propagation, and replacement after dam removal.

Public recreation along restored reservoirs
PacifiCorp currently owns the land underneath the reservoirs. Under the terms of the KHSA, KRRC will transfer the lands to California and Oregon or other entities. KRRC expects renewed public interest in boating, fishing, and recreation on the free-flowing river. Numerous studies indicate dam removal and habitat restoration will improve water quality and increase the abundance of several fish species.

We want to hear from you!
Do you have a question about KRRC’s activities or how dam decommissioning and river restoration will impact your community? Would you like to share information with us? Please email info@klamathrenewal.org
Sign up for our e-newsletter at www.klamathrenewal.org/contact/

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KRRC’s River Restoration Work

KRRC’s reservoir area restoration efforts focus on restoring native vegetation and natural river function. These efforts will restore wildlife and fish habitats, so that the river and floodplain perform similarly to how they did before the dams were installed.

Comprehensive

KRRC will restore formerly inundated lands beneath the reservoirs and other lands in the project area. The goal is to promote natural, sustainable river and floodplain ecosystems.

Research-Based

KRRC is combining site-based analysis with research and lessons learned from restoration to create a thorough plan. For example, KRRC has performed grow tests using actual reservoir sediment and likely seed mixes. These tests will identify the most suitable vegetation for successful restoration work.

Adaptive

KRRC will monitor restoration plantings to ensure proper irrigation, assess health of new plantings, and remove invasive vegetation. Habitat improvement efforts will focus on “process-based” activities to restart natural river function. Initial strategies will be modified as necessary to ensure successful, natural restoration.

Long-term

KRRC anticipates performing long-term monitoring and adaptive management to support restoration. Similar dam removal and restoration projects have required continued monitoring and adaptive management for 5 to 10 years.

Restoration is a three-step process

Step 1: Initial Seeding of Newly Exposed Land

- Stabilize remaining sediment by helicopter or ground-based broadcast seeding while sediments are too soft to access with larger planting equipment
- Use invasive weed management to limit the spread of invasive exotic vegetation in restoration areas

Step 2: Habitat Restoration and Revegetation

- Create habitat along river edges by planting riparian and upland plants throughout reservoir areas
- Ensure fish habitat along priority tributaries to the Klamath River with targeted grading and habitat restoration

Step 3: Monitoring and Adaptive Management

- Monitor the revegetation and invasive weed management to ensure success and support wildlife. Adapt as needed.
- Monitor fish passage and aquatic habitat to ensure success and support fish. Adapt as needed.