

Klamath Dam Removal Project Construction Blasts at J.C. Boyle Dam in Mid-January to Initiate Reservoir Drawdown

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission issued a License Surrender Order for the Lower Klamath Project in November 2022, authorizing the deconstruction of J.C. Boyle dam, Copco No. 1 and 2 dams, Iron Gate dam, and the powerhouses and related facilities. As part of the Lower Klamath Project dam removal work, the Klamath River Renewal Corporation (KRRC) will initiate two blasts at J.C. Boyle dam in mid-January to begin drawdown of J.C. Boyle Reservoir. The blasts will be within KRRC's construction project area, which is restricted to the public for public safety reasons. There will also be auditory warnings before the blasts as an added safety precaution. As safety is of the utmost importance to KRRC, any trespassers on the project site will be immediately reported to the Klamath County Sheriff's Office.

Residents can expect loud noises close to J.C. Boyle dam and the power canal for the coming months and increased construction machinery on local roadways due to the site being an active construction zone. Please direct all questions, comments, or concerns to Ren Brownell, KRRC Public Information Officer, at ren@klamathrenewal.org and/or 530-670-0016. For further information on the dam removal project, please visit klamathrenewal.org.