

Klamath Settlement



PUBLIC NOTICE

**U.S. Department of the Interior
Informational Meetings on
Klamath River Dam Removal Studies**

Thursday, Dec. 9, 2010
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Copco Community Center
27803 Copco Road,
Montague, CA

Thursday, Dec. 9, 2010
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Yreka Community Center
825 N. Oregon St.
Yreka, CA

The Department of the Interior will be hosting two public meetings to provide an update on the Secretarial Determination process for Klamath River dam removal as part of its commitment to hold periodic public meetings in and around different parts of the Klamath Basin. In these meetings, the Department will share with the public general updates about the determination process, provide specific information about various technical studies being undertaken as part of the process, and provide an opportunity to obtain feedback from the public and to answer questions.

The Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement (KHSA) requires the Secretary of the Interior to make a determination as to whether, in his judgment, removal of four privately owned dams on the Klamath River: 1) Will advance restoration of salmonid fisheries in the Klamath Basin; and (2) Is in the public interest, which includes but is not limited to consideration of potential effects on local communities and tribes. The KHSA requires the Secretary to make this determination by March 31, 2012. The Secretary's determination will be informed by a thorough scientific analysis of the potential costs and benefits of dam removal (monetary and non-monetary), as well as an analysis of the potential environmental effects of dam removal under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The State of California is also participating in this process through the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). As a point of clarity, these two upcoming meetings are in addition to, and separate from, future public meetings specifically associated with the National Environmental Policy Act process.

Presentations and additional information from these meetings will be available at KlamathRestoration.gov.