



Purpose and Need Statement

What is a purpose and need statement?

A purpose and need statement is an explanation of why a project is needed and objectives for addressing the need(s).

Purpose and Need Statement:

“The **purpose** of the proposed Federal action is to **advance restoration of the salmonid fisheries** in the Klamath Basin that is in the public interest, and is consistent with the Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement (KHSA) and the Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement (KBRA). Pursuant to the KHSA, the Secretary needs to make a determination whether to proceed with the removal of the four PacifiCorp Dams on the Klamath River. The **proposed action is to make a determination, pursuant to the KHSA, as to whether removal of the four lower dams on the Klamath River to achieve a free-flowing condition and allow full volitional passage of fish is in the public interest, will advance restoration of the salmonid fishery and is consistent with statutory obligations and tribal rights.** The **potential impacts** of any connected actions, including any such actions under the KBRA, **will be analyzed.**”

This is the purpose and need as stated in the Notice of Intent, published in the Federal Register on June 14, 2010.

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