

How Can I Provide Input?

Kachess Drought Relief Pumping Plant (Kachess Reservoir Inactive Storage) and Keechelus-to-Kachess Conveyance, and Cle Elum Pool Raise Environmental Impact Statements (EIS)

November 2013

Reclamation and Ecology are conducting scoping for the Kachess Drought Relief Pumping Plant (Kachess Reservoir Inactive Storage) and Keechelus-to-Kachess Conveyance, and the Cle Elum Pool Raise EISs. The scoping period began on October 30, 2013, and will continue through December 16, 2013. As part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), scoping is conducted to receive public and agency comments on the scope of an upcoming EIS, and may include comments on:

- ✓ **Purpose of and Need for** a proposed project;
- ✓ Recommendations concerning the **proposed project**, and **alternatives**;
- ✓ **Substantial issues and concerns** that should be addressed in the EIS;
- ✓ **Potential impacts** (beneficial and adverse, direct, indirect, and cumulative) and **mitigation**;
- ✓ **Other major actions** in the Yakima basin and **regulatory requirements** of Federal, State, and local agencies;
- ✓ Scope of **project-level environmental studies** to be conducted.

We are seeking comments on these documents and we would like your help! There are a variety of ways for you to participate in this process:

- ✓ **Attend** one of four public scoping meetings:
 - **Yakima – November 20, 2013; 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Yakima Arboretum**
 - **Cle Elum – November 21, 2013; 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the U.S. Forest Service Cle Elum Ranger District Office**
- ✓ **Mail** written scoping comments, requests to be added to the mailing list, and/or requests for a scoping document to:

Bureau of Reclamation, Columbia-Cascades Area Office
Attention: Candace McKinley, Environmental Program Manager
1917 Marsh Road
Yakima WA 98901-2058

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<http://www.usbr.gov/pn/programs/eis/cleelumraise/index.html>
<http://www.usbr.gov/pn/programs/yrbwep/2011integratedplan/index.html>

- ✓ **E-mail** comments to yrbwep@usbr.gov
- ✓ **Fax** comments to 509-454-5650
- ✓ **Telephone** comments may be recorded at (509) 575-5848, ext. 613.

Then What Happens?

- ✓ A **Scoping Summary Document** of comments submitted through December 16, 2013, for each EIS will be made available in January 2014.
- ✓ **Two Draft EISs will be released—one for Kachess Drought Relief Pumping Plant and Keechelus-to-Kachess Conveyance, and one for the Cle Elum Pool Raise--followed by a 45-day public and agency review and comment period.** Notice of the availability of the Draft EISs and the public and agency comment period will be published in the Federal Register and local newspapers prior to release of the documents, which is anticipated for the summer of 2014.