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PUBLIC NOTICE

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Fall Creek Dam and Reservoir Adult Fish Facility Upgrade Lane County, Oregon

CENWP-PM-E-14-13

Issue Date: November 12, 2014

Expiration Date: December 12, 2014

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District (Corps) is seeking public comment on the *Fall Creek Dam and Reservoir Adult Fish Facility Upgrade, Draft Environmental Assessment* (draft EA).

The Corps is proposing to upgrade the existing fish collection facility to enhance fish passage through the Fall Creek Dam and implement the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Reasonable and Prudent Alternative (RPA) Measure 4, Fish Passage, as recommended in the *Endangered Species Act Section 7(a)(2) Consultation, Biological Opinion and Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation & Management Act Essential Fish Habitat Consultation on the Willamette River Basin Flood Control Project* (BiOp) issued July 11, 2008 (NMFS 2008). Long term effects of the project would be beneficial to fish, including Upper Willamette River Chinook, steelhead, and other native species. The Preferred Alternative provides volitional swim-up capacity, the ability to hold fish, and water-to-water transfer, thereby reducing stress and injury, improving fish survival upstream of the Fall Creek Dam.

The draft EA has been prepared for the proposed Federal action in accord with the Council on Environmental Quality's National Environmental Policy Act regulations [Federal Register 40 CFR 1508.9(a)]. At the end of the public comment period, the Corps will consider all comments received by close of business on the expiration date of this public notice and make a determination of significance of impacts resulting from the proposed action.

Environmental Document: The draft EA is available on the Corps webpage in the Announcements section at <http://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/Media/Announcements.aspx>.

Additional Information and Comments: Questions or comments regarding the draft EA should be directed to kristine.a.lightner@usace.army.mil, or to the address below. Mailed comments on this notice must be received by close of business on the above expiration date and sent to:

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In your response, please refer to the above public notice number (CENWP-PM-E-14-13), title and date. Should no response be received by the above closing date, a "no comment" response will be assumed.