

WILLAMETTE VALLEY INTERIM INJUNCTION OPERATIONS



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BACKGROUND

In 2021, the District Court of Oregon issued a court order requiring the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to carry out specific measures to improve fish passage and water quality in the Willamette River Basin.

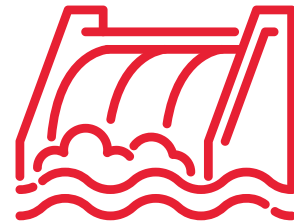
The measures include structural and operational improvements to benefit Endangered Species Act-listed spring Chinook salmon and winter steelhead in the Upper Willamette River.



IN 2023

Deep reservoir drawdowns were implemented at GREEN PETER and LOOKOUT POINT dams for the very first time in November 2023.

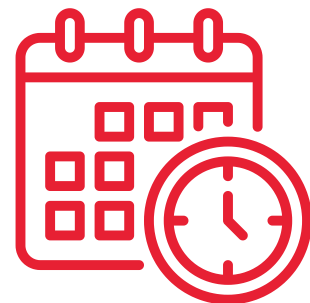
The goal of the deep drawdowns is to improve fish passage through the dam. The deep drawdowns affected water temperatures. In addition, they temporarily increased the sediment in the water (known as turbidity). Some nearby cities reported cost increases for their municipal water facilities. USACE and our regional partners are working together to reduce the negative effects of the deep drawdowns.



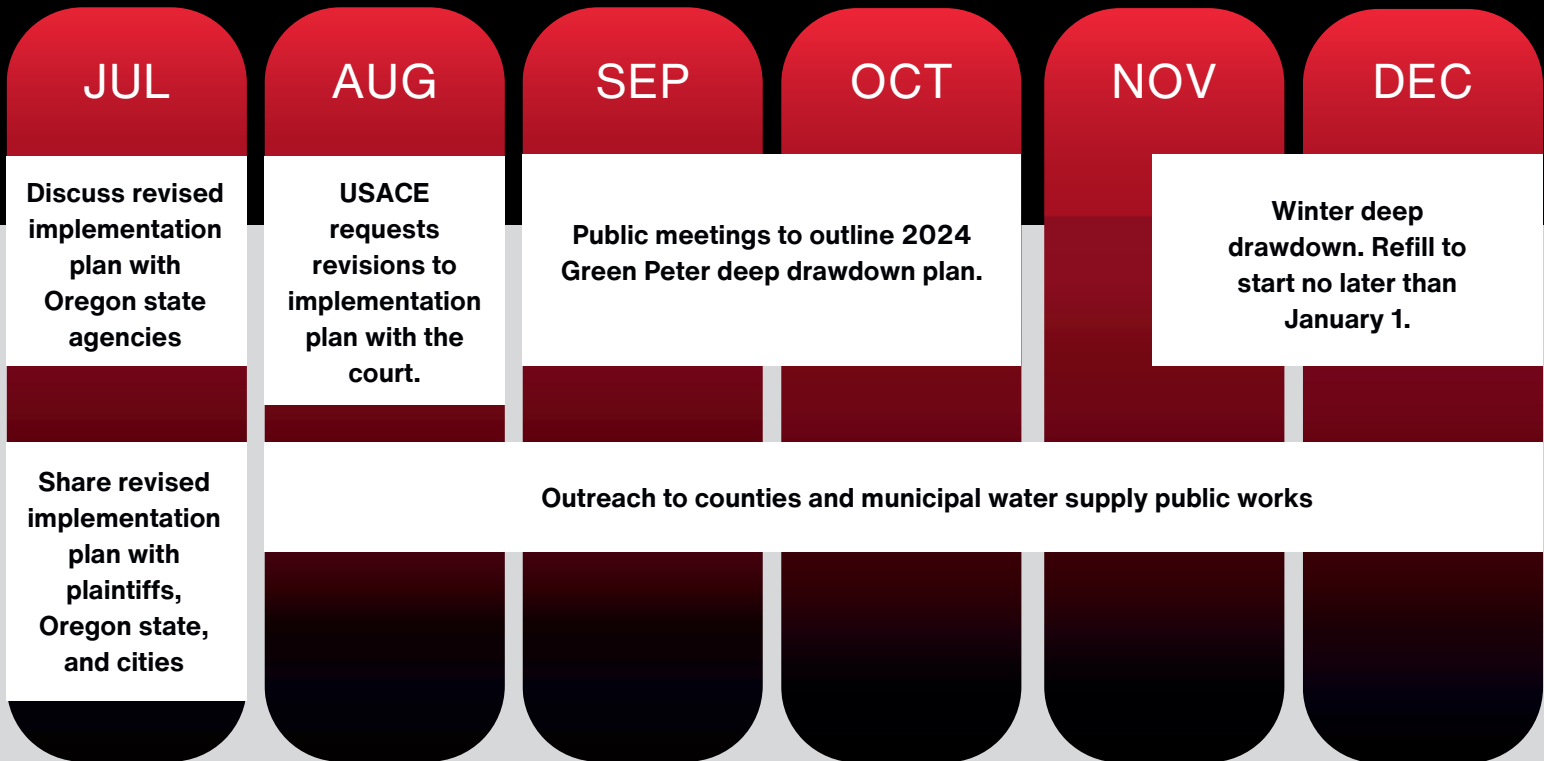
IN 2024

Late-fall and winter deep drawdowns at Cougar, Fall Creek, Green Peter, and Lookout Point dams will continue under court order.

The court-ordered implementation plan prescribes the time and way USACE must conduct the deep drawdowns. USACE does not have the ability to implement major changes to the operations without the court's approval.



GREEN PETER 2024 DRAWDOWN PLAN



STAY INFORMED

USACE is proposing changes to the 2024 Green Peter deep drawdown that must be approved by the court.

USACE will outline the 2024 Green Peter deep drawdown plan and any differences from 2023 at public information sessions. Details about the information sessions will be posted on the USACE Injunction website viewable by the QR code and link below.



WORKING WITH STAKEHOLDERS

USACE staff are regularly communicating with municipal water facility operators in the cities of Albany, Lebanon, Lowell and Sweet Home about the upcoming 2024 deep drawdowns.

