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Item L – Klamath Dam Removal Update

11/16/2023

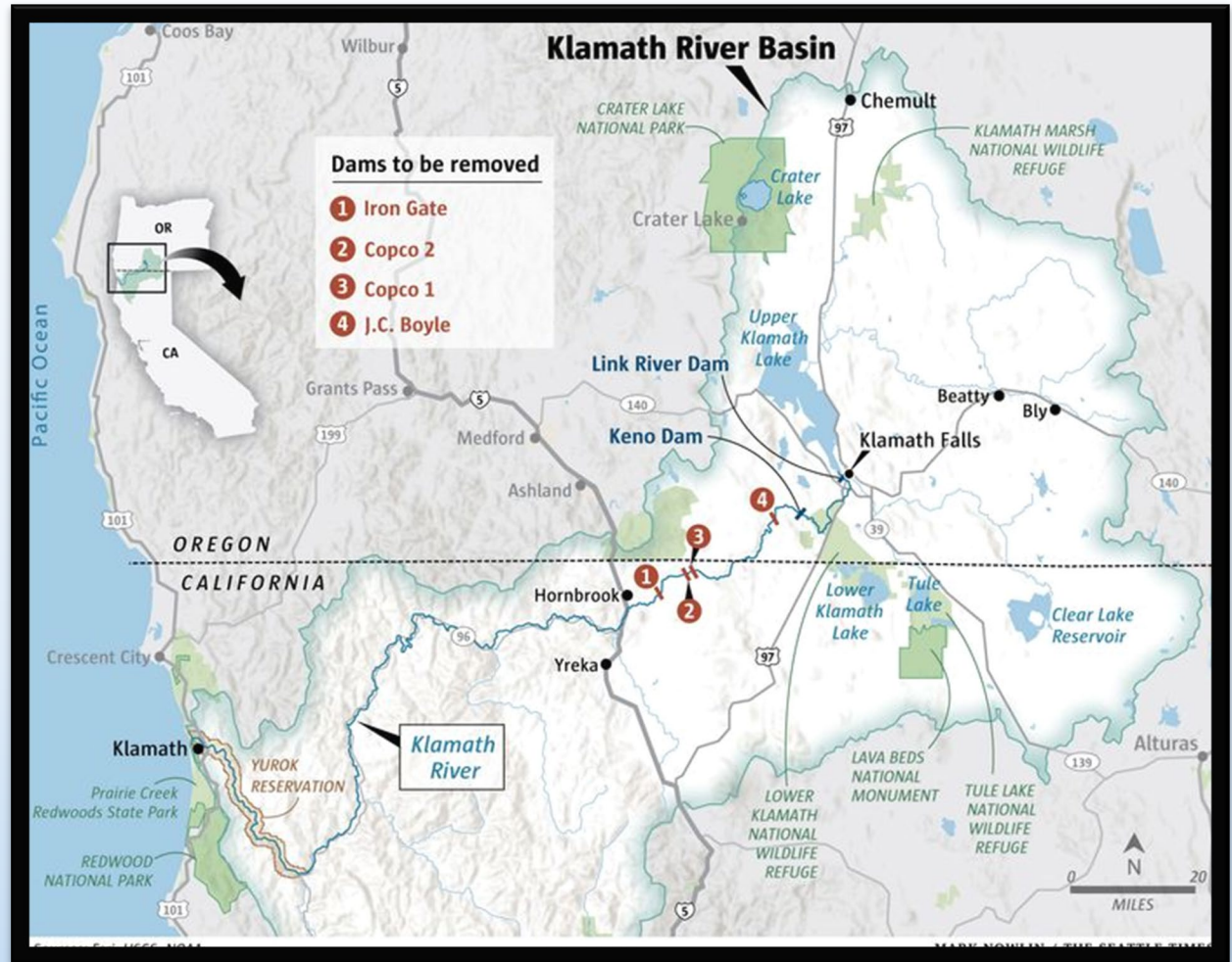
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Part 1: Removal of the PacifiCorp Hydroelectric Dams Status and Timeline

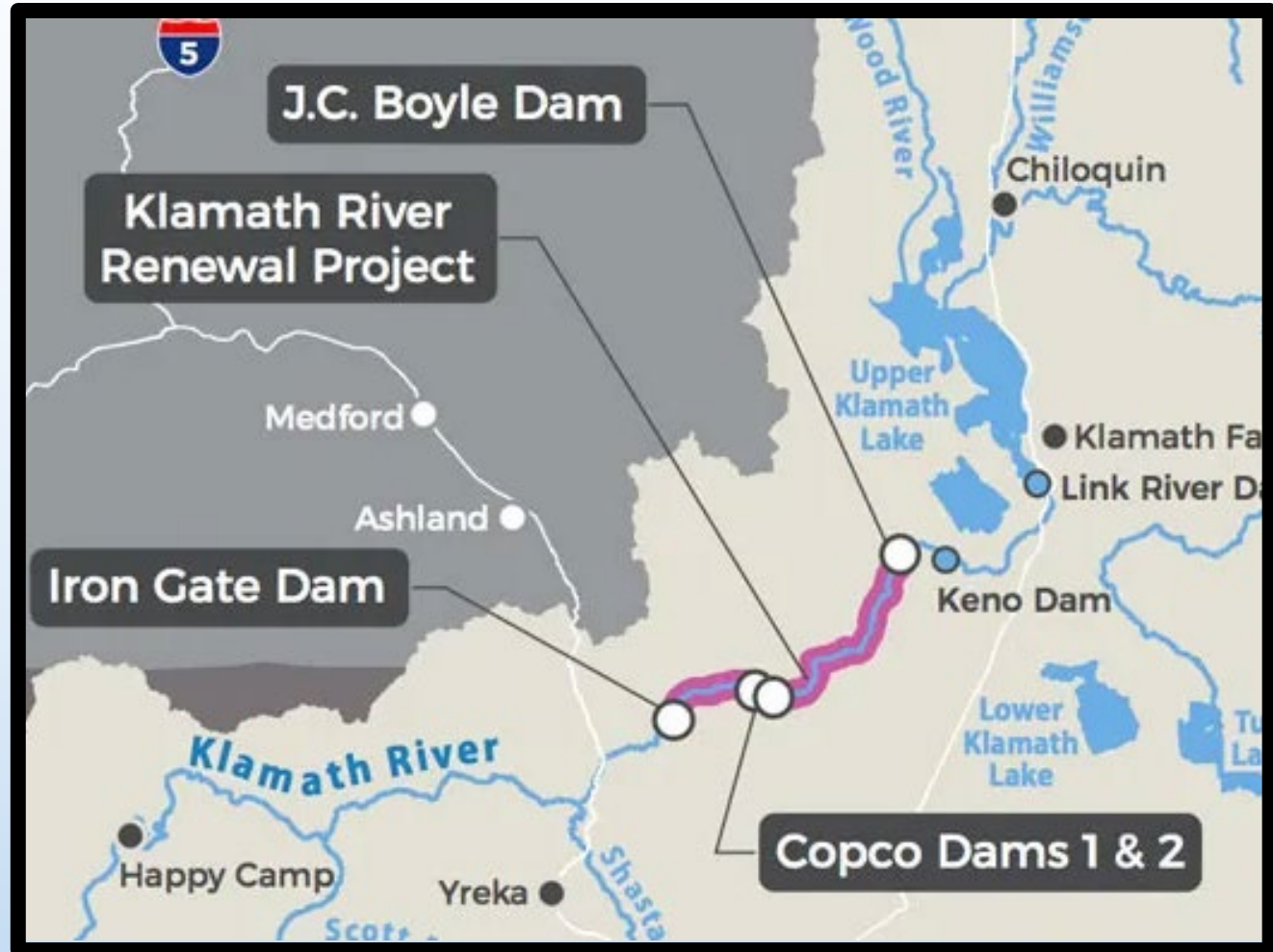
Part 2: Post Dam-Removal, What Happens Next?

- Changes to the Environmental Baseline (Short-term and Long-term)
- Klamath Reclamation Project Proposed Action – Operations Plan for 2024-2029
- Broad-Scale Habitat Restoration and Improvements to Infrastructure (Implementing the KPFA)

Klamath Dam Removal



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COPCO 2

Completed 1925
27 MW

33 feet high
78 feet wide
Virtually no
storage



Klamath Dam Removal

COPCO 2

The First
Free-Flowing
Reach
Restored



Klamath Dam Removal

Iron Gate

Completed 1962
18 MW

173 feet high
540 feet long
58,000 acre-feet
total storage
volume



Klamath Dam Removal

COPCO 1

Completed 1918
20 MW

173 feet high
540 feet long
58,000 acre-feet
total volume



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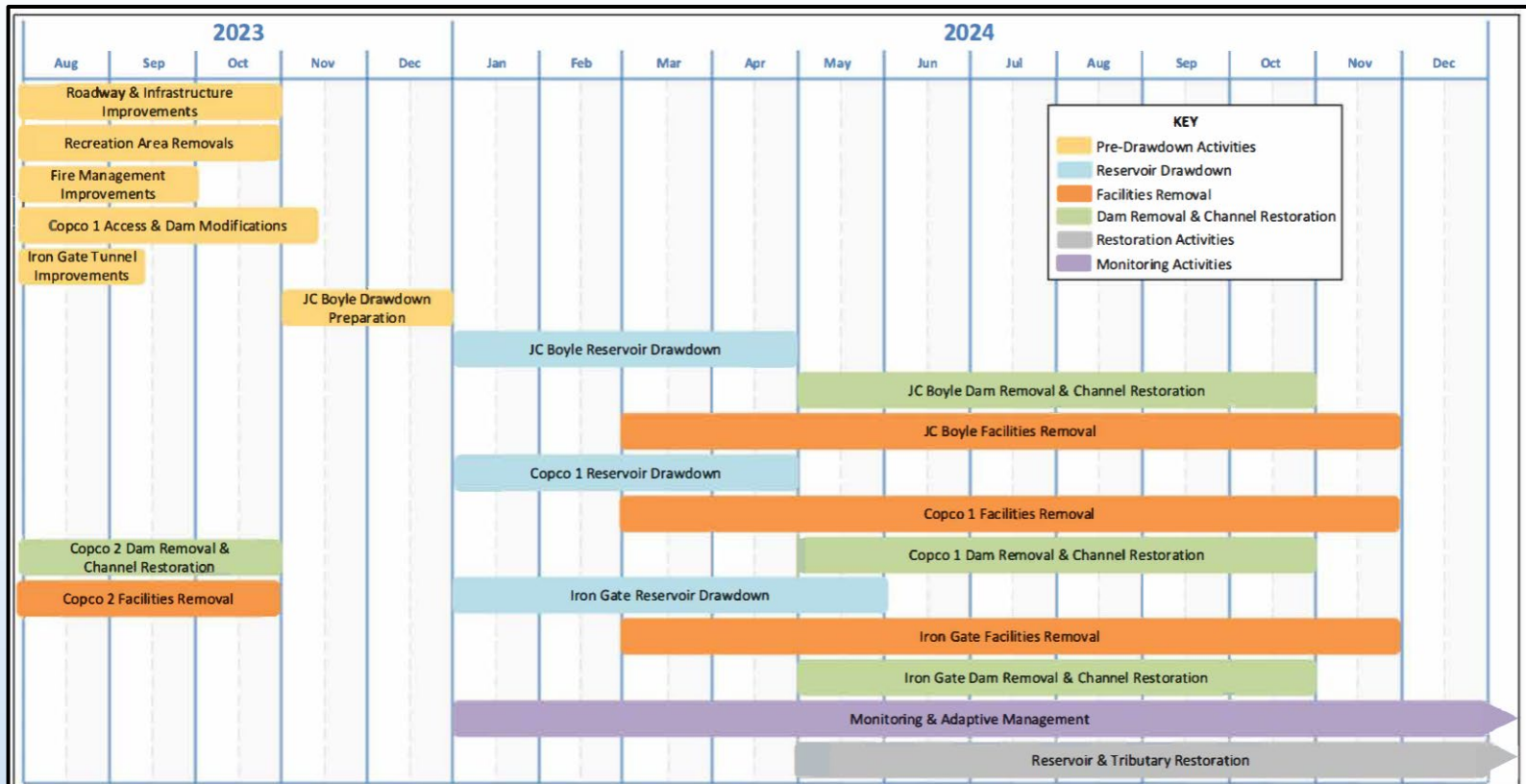
J C Boyle

Completed 1958
90 MW

68 feet high
714 feet long
4200 acre-feet total volume



Klamath Dam Removal



Anticipated Construction Timeline: August 2023 – December 2024

Klamath River Renewal Project

As of: September 2023

Timing dependent on regulatory processes and other factors; subject to change

Klamath Dam Removal

Partnerships

Oregon, California, Tribes, PacifiCorp
Klamath River Renewal Corp.

- Keiwit Infrastructure West
- RES (Resource Environmental Solutions)

Outcomes

On Time

On Budget

1 Down, 3 to Go

Klamath Dam Removal

For More Information, Watch “Restoring Balance”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q248MhRH49w>

If you are interested in the restoration effort on the Klamath River after the four Lower Klamath Project dams are removed, we recommend the film “Restoring Balance.” The educational film provides an overview of the restoration plan for this project, highlighting the collaboration with a range of agencies and the Yurok, Karuk, and Klamath Tribes – whose own expertise, experience, and stewardship is central to the restoration effort. The short film by Emmy-award-winning Shane Anderson/Swiftwater Films can be viewed [here](#).

COURT FINDS ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT VIOLATION

**(NARF, SEPTEMBER
13,2023)**



Klamath Project sees fourth year in a row of water supply cuts (KDVR TV, April 14, 2023)



Klamath Power and Facilities Agreement



Klamath – Post Dam Removal

Feds launch
\$162M
program for
Klamath
drought,
water

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Thank you.
Questions?

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