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### Mission Statement

The mission of Douglas Electric Cooperative, a member-owned and operated cooperative, is to provide affordable, reliable electric and other compatible services that enhance the quality of life for its members, using progressive marketing in conjunction with sound financial and management principles.

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# A Call To Action: Save Our Region's Federal Dams

Dear Member,

We're lucky here in the Northwest. We have enviable scenery and amazing places to explore. It's a truly beautiful place to live. We also believe in the stewardship of our communities and our natural resources. This is why hydropower plays such a vital role in our region.

We enjoy clean, reliable, low-cost energy every day because of hydropower. It is our steady, renewable resource. And it provides the perfect backbone to the electrical system, by allowing us to incorporate other variable renewable resources, such as wind and solar, when they are producing energy. We're able to do all of this without producing carbon emissions, and that keeps our environment healthy.

Lately, there has been talk of removing dams for a variety of unscientific reasons by groups claiming to advocate for the environment. While there is no evidence that dam removal will increase salmon populations in our rivers, evidence does suggest that dam removal could actually harm salmon populations, and the Northwest economy. Dam removal eliminates fuel-efficient cargo transportation, and could result in the flooding of populated areas.

But even more alarming, if dams are removed, in order to meet the power requirements of the Northwest, fossil fired generation will have to replace the clean electricity generated by the dams. This will have major negative environmental impacts for all of us. Renewable generation is simply unable to reliably supplement the loss of dams, due to their intermittent nature. Wind and solar generation only produce power when the wind blows and the sun is shining.

We need your help to protect the hydropower in our region. This is a call to action. Let the agencies charged with operating and distributing the power generated from our federal dams know that you support clean, reliable energy. Let them know you support the dams. Go to <https://www.oreca-action.org/> and leave your comments. For additional information or to comment further, go to [www.crsi.info](http://www.crsi.info).

Best Regards,



Paul Leonard  
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