The New Faraday Powerhouse — Spring, 2021

Faraday Powerhouse

As we continue to invest in modernizing our Clackamas hydro system, the Faraday Powerhouse is being removed and replaced to improve generation efficiency and address long-term operational safety, assuring that the plant will continue to serve our customers as a stable source of clean, renewable power for decades to come.

During construction, 2019-2021, we are removing the 1907-built unreinforced masonry structure with its five original turbines and riveted steel penstocks to replace it with a reinforced concrete powerhouse, featuring two higher-efficiency turbines, and two welded steel penstocks. The result will be a newer, safer, more reliable and higher efficiency hydropower plant.

Watch PGE employees and retirees share stories of the historic Faraday Powerhouse on the Clackamas River.
Faraday Lake Recreation Area

At the same time, we’re making improvements to the adjacent recreation area, including new shelters and tables, renovated picnic shelters and fishing access. In addition, select items from the historic powerhouse will be preserved and included in the new landscape design which will feature educational and interpretive signage, documenting the historic significance of the powerhouse.

Access Closed

We’re managing the demolition and construction process to minimize impact for recreational users. However, access to the bridge, lake and trails will need to be closed temporarily (Feb. 1, 2019 through spring 2021) to safely manage construction activities. We look forward to welcoming you back once the new facilities are complete.

For more information Contact:
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