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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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## Northwest Citizens Support Clean Renewable Hydropower; Staunchly Oppose Destroying Lower Snake River Dams

Dear Member,

Despite an ongoing campaign by a small group of anti-dam activists, a recent poll showed that more than 67 percent of the region's voters support the importance of the Snake River dams to the region's power system – a view unchanged since polling began in 2005.

A Portland polling firm conducted a public opinion poll in March for Northwest RiverPartners. In the poll of 700 registered voters in Oregon, Washington and Idaho, 70 percent of the respondents recognized that hydro power is clean, renewable and extremely climate friendly. Many are also aware that the hydropower system is a vital link to bringing even more renewable energy sources on line in the Northwest.

“Voters continue to see hydro, wind and solar as part of a renewable team to provide energy to the Northwest and hydro continues to be seen as the most practical source of energy,” said pollster Tim Hibbitts, citing a response in which 42 percent identified hydroelectric power as the most practical energy source for the region with wind power a distant second at 26 percent.

The public's endorsement of the region's clean renewable hydropower also emphasizes need to move ahead with a plan currently being offered to help the Northwest's protected salmon and steelhead. The plan, using sound science and developed collaboratively by federal agencies, three states, Native American tribes and other stakeholders has been mired in litigation for two years.

Douglas Electric Cooperative, through its membership in Northwest RiverPartners, will continue to support the rivers that give us clean, renewable energy as well as the science-based recovery efforts for the fish that live in them.

Best Regards,

Dave Sabala  
General Manager