John Day STS Crane

This project seeks to replace the existing submerged traveling screen (STS) gantry crane at John Day to increase reliability, functionality, safety, and assure compliance with BiOp directives and Endangered Species Act (ESA).

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