The Columbia Snake River System

Moving U.S. Products That Feed the World

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Columbia River
Third largest grain export gateway in the world

WHEAT
#1 in U.S. exports

SOYBEANS
#2 in U.S. exports
Lower Columbia River

- 43’ channel extends 105 miles inland
- Over 50 million tons of cargo in 2017
- $24 billion in cargo value
- 40,000 jobs depend on the channel
Inland Columbia/Snake River

- 14’ channel depth
- Extends 365 miles inland
- Eight locks
Columbia Snake Navigation Issues

- System Operations Biological Opinion Lawsuit
- Regulatory
- Columbia River Treaty