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Hansell Attends Dedication of Wallowa Lake Hydroelectric Facility

SALEM, Ore.— Senator Bill Hansell attended the dedication of a new hydroelectric facility at Wallowa Lake State Park on Friday. The facility is a 22-kilowatt micro hydro plant that is capable of generating around 134 megawatt hours of renewable energy each year. The facility will provide 85% of the power needed to run the Wallowa Lake Service District’s water pump station which provides water and sewer service for the Wallowa Lake community.

In addition, the hydro plant will serve an educational role by providing informational boards on hydro power generation and pathways around the facility. The building will also have windows that will allow people to see the turbines and generator in action.

Hansell (R-Athena) released the following statement:

“I am proud to see a facility such as this get constructed in Senate District 29. This project is what I like to call A.G.R., which means Affordable, Green and Renewable. Energy policy should encompass all three and that is why this project is so special. Oregon can be a leader in producing affordable, green and renewable energy by using our abundant natural resources in a sustainable way. I hope this project will serve as an example for the entire state as communities look to renewable forms of energy.”

The project was a team effort between the Wallowa Lake County Service District, Energy Trust of Oregon, Wallowa Resources, Pacific Power and the Wallowa Lake State Park.



**Senator Hansell dedicating the facility along with
Wallowa County Commissioners Susan Roberts and John Hillock**

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