

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Seattle City Light will be removing burned debris and impacted soil from the area immediately surrounding the Ladder Creek Settling Tank outside Newhalem, WA. During the 2015 Goodell Wildfire, the tank's protective building burned, and a scattered debris field of charred remains of the fire surrounds the tank. Due to contamination risks to nearby Ladder Creek posed by the debris and residual metals and contamination in nearby soil, the debris and impacted surface soil surrounding the tank will be removed. The tank interior will also be cleaned to remove impacts from airborne fallout during the fire.

PROJECT LOCATION

The Ladder Creek Tank Site is approximately 1/4 mile from the Gorge Powerhouse and across the Skagit River from Newhalem. The site is approximately 300 feet in elevation above the Powerhouse. The project is within the Ross Lake National Recreation Area, which is part of the North Cascades National Park Service Complex.

ACTIVITIES COMPLETED SINCE LAST UPDATE

Phase 1 of the project begins the week of August 28, 2017.

ACTIVITIES PLANNED

Contractor will be removing debris from and cleaning the tank during the week of August 28. The work is expected to last two weeks.

Debris and soil removal is planned for spring 2018.

IMPACT TO PARK VISITORS

Access to the tank site is limited to a rugged hiking trail originating at a footbridge over Ladder Creek behind the Gorge Powerhouse. Public access to the trail is blocked by a locked gate on the bridge.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Access to the tank site is restricted. There are no anticipated impacts to public safety associated with planned work.



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