



# Nor'wester newsletter

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## More opportunities to comment on the CRSO DEIS

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Federal agencies will host two more teleconferences this week to accept public comments on the Columbia River System Operations draft environmental impact statement.

Wednesday, March 25, 4-8 p.m. PDT

Thursday, March 26, 4-8 p.m. PDT

You can call in at any time:

Toll-free: 1-844-721-7241

Caller paid and International: 409-207-6955

Access Code on prompt: 5998146#

While written comments allow you to provide more detail and directly influence the contents of the final EIS, news media are monitoring and [writing stories about the teleconferences](#). We encourage members and partners to call in and deliver a short message of support for the federal agencies' preferred alternative to help influence the public conversation. For comment ideas, see the "Sample Draft EIS comment information" link on our [River Values web page](#).

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## Coronavirus resources and survey

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Just a reminder: We want to know how the coronavirus pandemic is affecting your organization, and what assistance PNWA can advocate for on your behalf to our federal elected officials and agency partners.

We have created a [Coronavirus Resources page](#) on the PNWA website, to which we will post information and links to resources of particular interest to our members, as we learn of them. If you have suggestions for resources to include, let us know!

We have also created a [member survey](#), through which you can inform our advocacy efforts.

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## Save the date: PNWA 2020 Summer Conference



We obviously cannot predict the region's health climate, but for the moment are maintaining cautious optimism that we will host our 2020 Summer Conference on schedule.

Please save the date:

June 23-25, 2020  
The Historic Davenport Hotel  
Spokane, Washington

We will open registration when we have more certainty of the conference's viability and date.

[We welcome your suggestions for speakers, topics and activities.](#)

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## Portland Business Alliance call for medical supplies

Our colleagues on the front lines  
of the COVID-19 pandemic are

asking for our help.

Doctors, nurses, and healthcare providers are experiencing shortages of critical protective equipment including fluid resistant gowns, nitrile gloves, and N95 masks or surgical masks.



If your company has any relevant supplies in stock, we urge you to consider donating. And please share this email and request with others you know who may be able to help.

We're asking every organization to consider how they can help, specifically in donating personal protection equipment (PPE) and the medical and scientific expertise needed to combat COVID-19.

[Please fill out this survey to let us know what you can donate.](#)

With all this information centralized, we will work to efficiently match requests with available supplies. This effort is meant to augment, not replace, the current structure public health professionals have in place for resource requests from healthcare institutions. We are working closely with all are partners to coordinate.

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