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Yurok Reservation 18 Years of Electrification





Yurok Country





History of Electrical Grid Projects



2001: Weitchpec/Tulley Creek

2003: Lake Prairie Road

2006: Mitchel Road

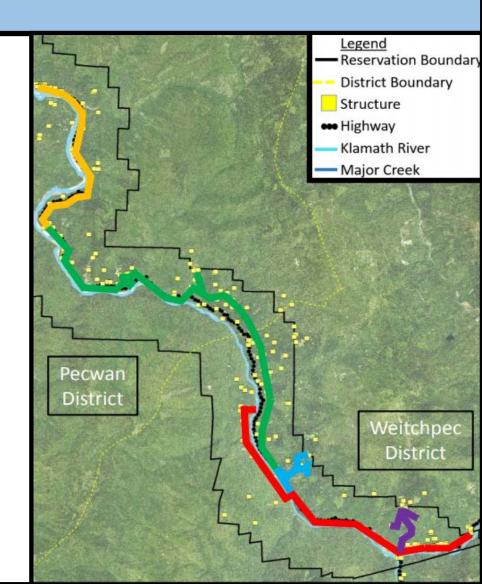
2007: McKinnon Hill

2010: Wautec Phase I (a)

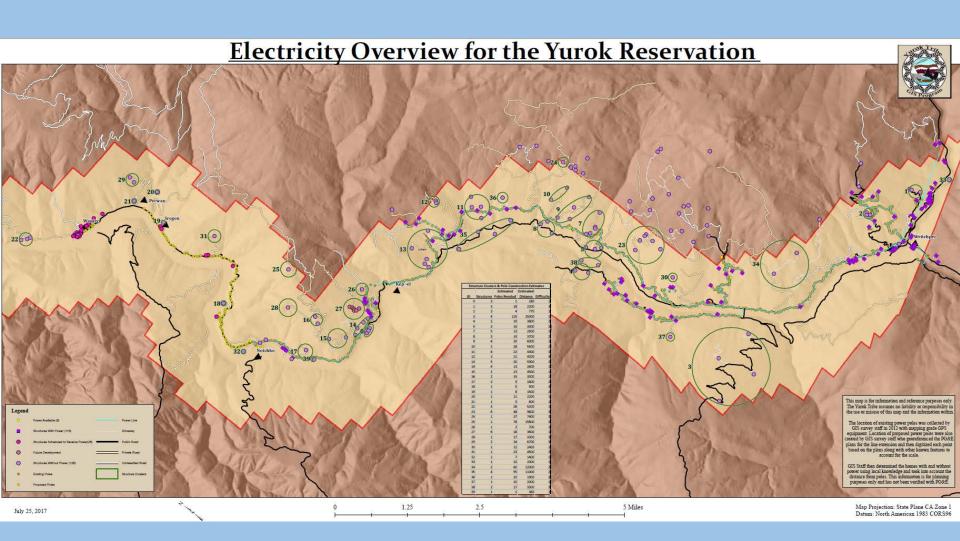
2012: Wautec Phase I (b)

2017: Wautec Phase II

Total: \$19.2 Million; 30 Miles







Right-of-Way Challenges



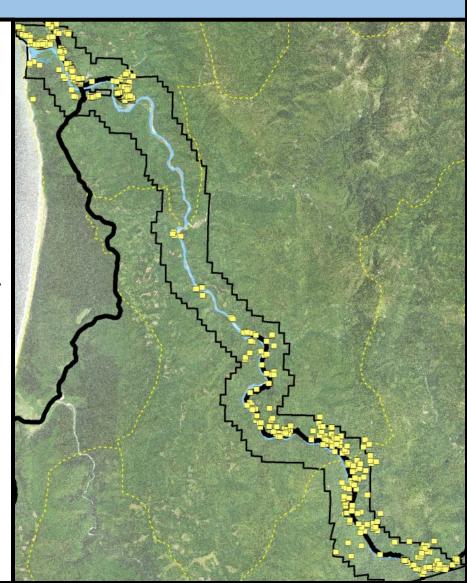
- Difficult obtaining ROW from absentee land owners
- Backlog of land probates
- Highly fractionated Indian trust allotments
- No Tribal ROW condemnation powers



Energy Challenges



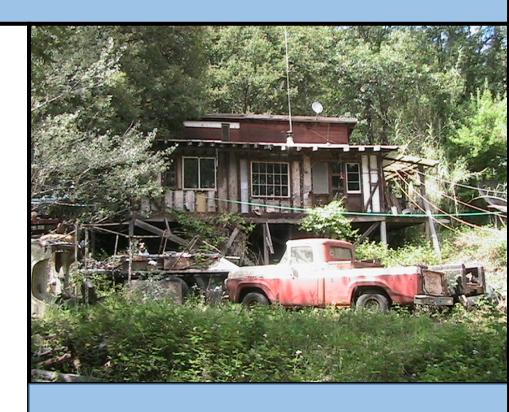
- Off grid renewable energy systems provide only part-time basic energy needs
- Yurok Reservation is served by two utility providers; PG&E and Pacific Power
- Yurok Reservation is the disconnect between the two utility providers



Economic Challenges



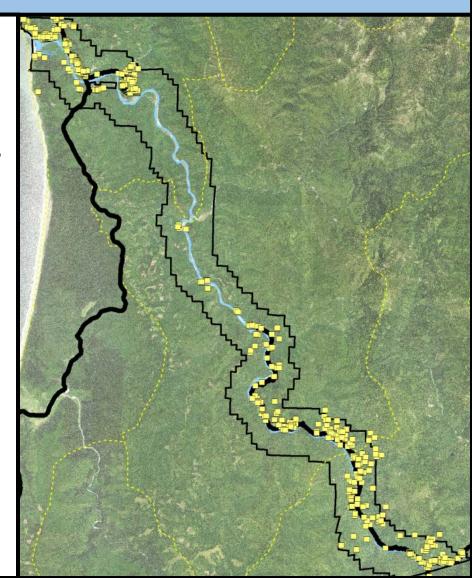
- Large percentage of reservation residents live in extreme poverty
- Energy grants require a high cost match (50%)
- Tribe has competing needs for discretionary funds and staff time
- Lack of sustainable funding for a full time Energy Planner



Energy Challenges



- More than 50% of the Yurok Reservation does not have grid electricity or telephones
- Off grid residents pay a disproportionate share of annual income for gas generators, propane appliances, wood stoves, propane, kerosene and wood fuel



Renewable Energy Challenges



- Lack of back-up grid power lines
- Seasonal & varying weather patterns (Hydro/Solar)
- Lack of land control/ownership (Hydro)
- Mountainous terrain, high density tree cover (Solar/Wind)
- Numerous cultural resources
- Salmon and steelhead habitat (Hydro)
- High debt-to-revenue ratio for capital loan payback

Opportunities



Klamath River and it's tributaries - Hydro

High temperatures – Solar/Mini Grids

Tribal and local forests – Biomass

Mountains, hills and coastline - Wind

Developing a Yurok Strategic Energy Action Plan

Energy Vision



 Ensure reservation residents, tribal government and businesses have access to reliable, affordable and cost effective energy services

 Pursue a tribal energy program that promotes selfsufficiency, environmental sustainability, reliance on renewable resources, job creation and economic opportunity