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**If They Come (and the others leave),
We Will Build It
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Outline

- The Issue
- EWEB Position(s)
- Settlement Process
- Settlement Outcome





The Issue

- An intermittent reach with brook trout
- Above barrier to salmon
- Releasing 30 cfs for reach below barrier
- Part of reach above barrier becomes perennial
- Agencies want native cutthroat
- Brook trout and hatchery rainbow bleed out of reservoir



EWEB Position

- **Initial position:**

- ❖ **EWEB is not responsible for brook trout**

- **EWEB will not build a ladder for brook trout**

HOWEVER....

- **EWEB project creates conditions favorable for brook trout.**

- **Brook trout have detrimental impacts on bull trout**



EWEB Position

- **Project reservoir creates conditions favorable for brook trout.**
- **Brook trout have detrimental impacts on bull trout AND**
- **EWEB has an interest in a healthy bull trout population**





Settlement

- Settlement partners wanted a ladder
- EWEB said we wouldn't build a ladder for a non-native species
- Assistance with establishing cutthroat
- Assistance with brook trout control
- Argued for brook trout control in reservoir
- Argued for reductions in hatchery rainbow



Outcome

- Brook trout control: 50/50 split with ODFW
 - 10 yrs minimum, 14 yrs maximum
- Build a ladder if criteria for cutthroat are met
- Ladder- no sooner than yr 10, no later than yr 15
- Criteria: cutthroat population of fry & juveniles
OR 2 or more pairs of spawning natural adults AND
1 cutthroat: 1 brook trout



Outcome

- Above criteria must be met by 15th yr of License
- If ladder is built then:
 - EWEB will monitor every 10 yrs
 - FWG will decide on brook trout control
 - Limited to 2 years of control every 10 years

