

Mud Mountain Dam _ Trap and Haul System

Mud Mountain Dam, on the White River in Pierce County, Washington, does not have a fish ladder, but it does have a system to get adult salmon and other fish upstream past it. At Buckley, adjacent to the Puget Sound Power and Light Company diversion dam, there is a fish trap operated by the Corps of Engineers. Fish enter the trap, and as often as necessary, are mechanically lifted and placed in an aerated tank truck to be transported upriver of Mud Mountain Dam and released back into the river by way of a chute. They then continue swimming upstream to their spawning grounds in the White River and its tributaries. Counts of fish from the facilities are available from 1974 through 1995. If you are interested in getting the fish count data, please contact Jeff Dillon at jeffrey.f.dillon@usace.army.mil or (206) 764-6174.

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