



# History From Below:

## ***Power To The People***

***Who owns the water? The wind?***

Who should manage the Gorge's natural resources?  
Will privatization lead to greater efficiency? To higher costs?  
To further environmental destruction?

***How much power is too much power?***

## ***Workshop & Discussion***

**Sunday, May 5, 2013 • 2 to 4:30 pm**

**Discovery Center Conference Room, 5000 Discovery Drive, The Dalles**

**History from Below: Power to the People!** is an interactive workshop that invites participants to explore those moments when passionate, principled or simply fed-up people from rural Oregon (and Wasco County, in particular) have banded together in hopes of changing the course of history at the local, state or national level. Former PUD employee and local historian Linda Wilson will share the story of the fight to establish the PUD. Breakout sessions will offer participants the opportunity to dig deeper into this history by exploring historical archives of the movement for public power and analyzing what they reveal about the values, demands and strategies of this movement and its opponents. A facilitated discussion will explore the resonance and relevance of this history for issues facing Gorge residents today. Complementary coffee and tea will be provided. A sliding scale donation of \$3 to \$10 is suggested; no one will be turned away for lack of funds. RSVPs are requested but not required to [sarah@rop.org](mailto:sarah@rop.org).

This program is organized by the Rural Organizing Project, a statewide network of autonomous, grassroots groups working to advance democracy and human dignity in Oregon's rural, frontier and small towns.

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