



Western  
Transmission  
Consortium



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# Solving for Objectives



## Resource Adequacy

**WRAP**

## Interjurisdictional Transmission

### Planning



### Building



## Markets

**EIM/EDAM**

**WEIS/Markets+**

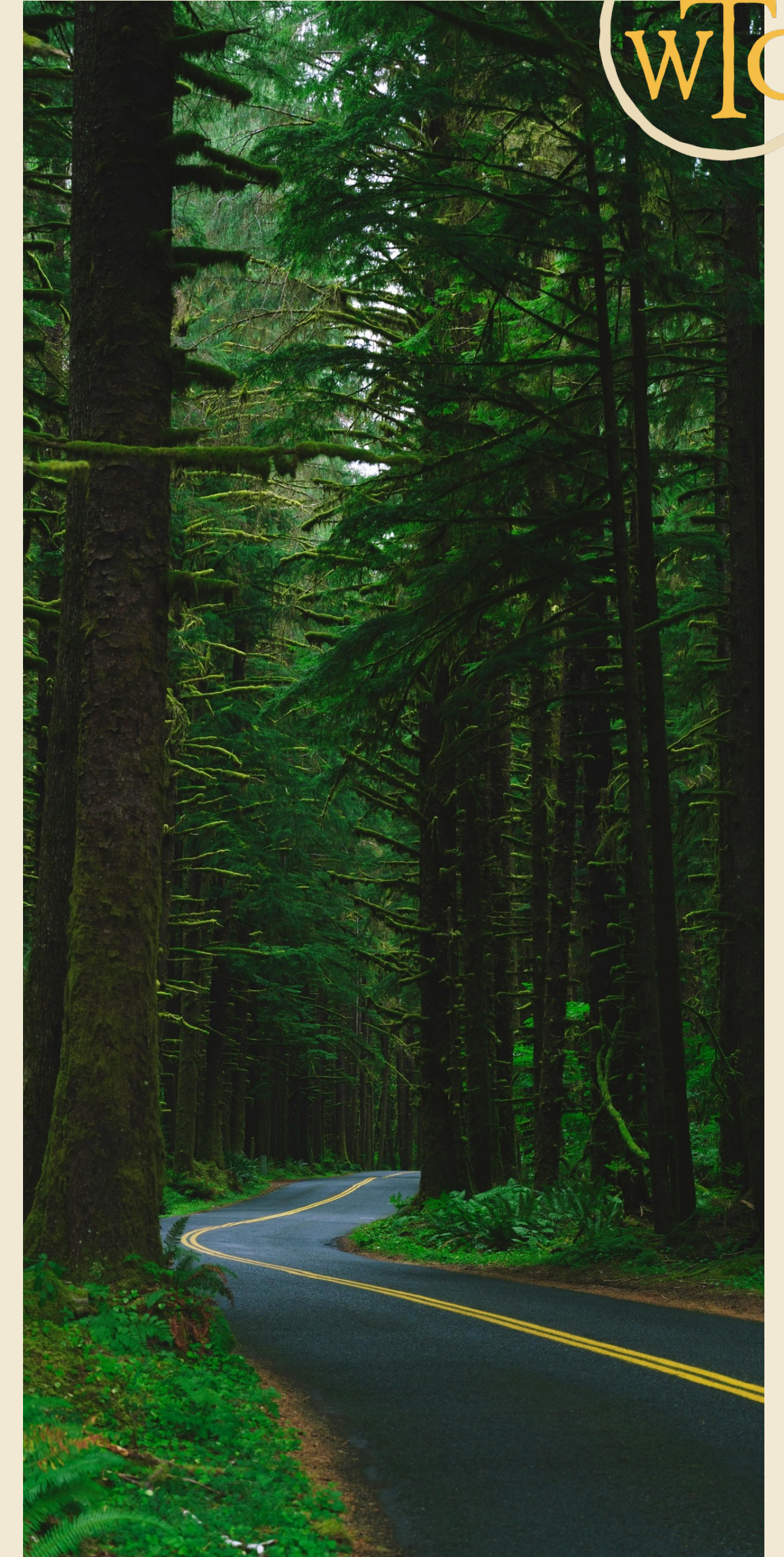


# Setting the Values

**Accountability** – TWTC is accountable to customers and regulators in providing benefits from the transmission it builds

**Collaboration** – TWTC tries something different by bringing different business models, risk and investment appetites together

**Acceleration** – TWTC builds





# Scoping the Participation



## The Western Transmission Consortium

### *Independent Transmission Companies*

- Greater risk appetite
- Risk-adjusted equity position
- More initial capital to curate projects and spur projects

### *Investor-owned utilities*

- Capital investment appetite
- Policy goals and increased demand driving interjurisdictional transmission needs
- Capital investment dependent on regulatory approval

### *Public Power*

- Freedom to be pure off-take or to invest in transmission
- Cost allocation tied to members' benefiting
- Demand growth and economic development drives transmission needs
- Lower up-front capital investment but need to have "load in the room"



# TWTC Progress to-Date



- 2023
- Consultative meetings with utilities and regulators starting in mid-2023
  - Phoenix meeting attended by companies in March 2024
  - ITC meeting and agreement on project allocation
  - Stage Gate approach to participation and investment in Consortium
  - Subscription Agreements and LLC Documents finalized December 2024
  - Southwest Pod Project Curation Kick-Off March 2025
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- Today
- Southwest Pod project companies launch in August & September 2025

## Upcoming Fall of 2025:

- Finalize Northwest Pod project curation & create project groups
- Complete initial studies for Southwest Pod projects



# Progress: Southwest Pod

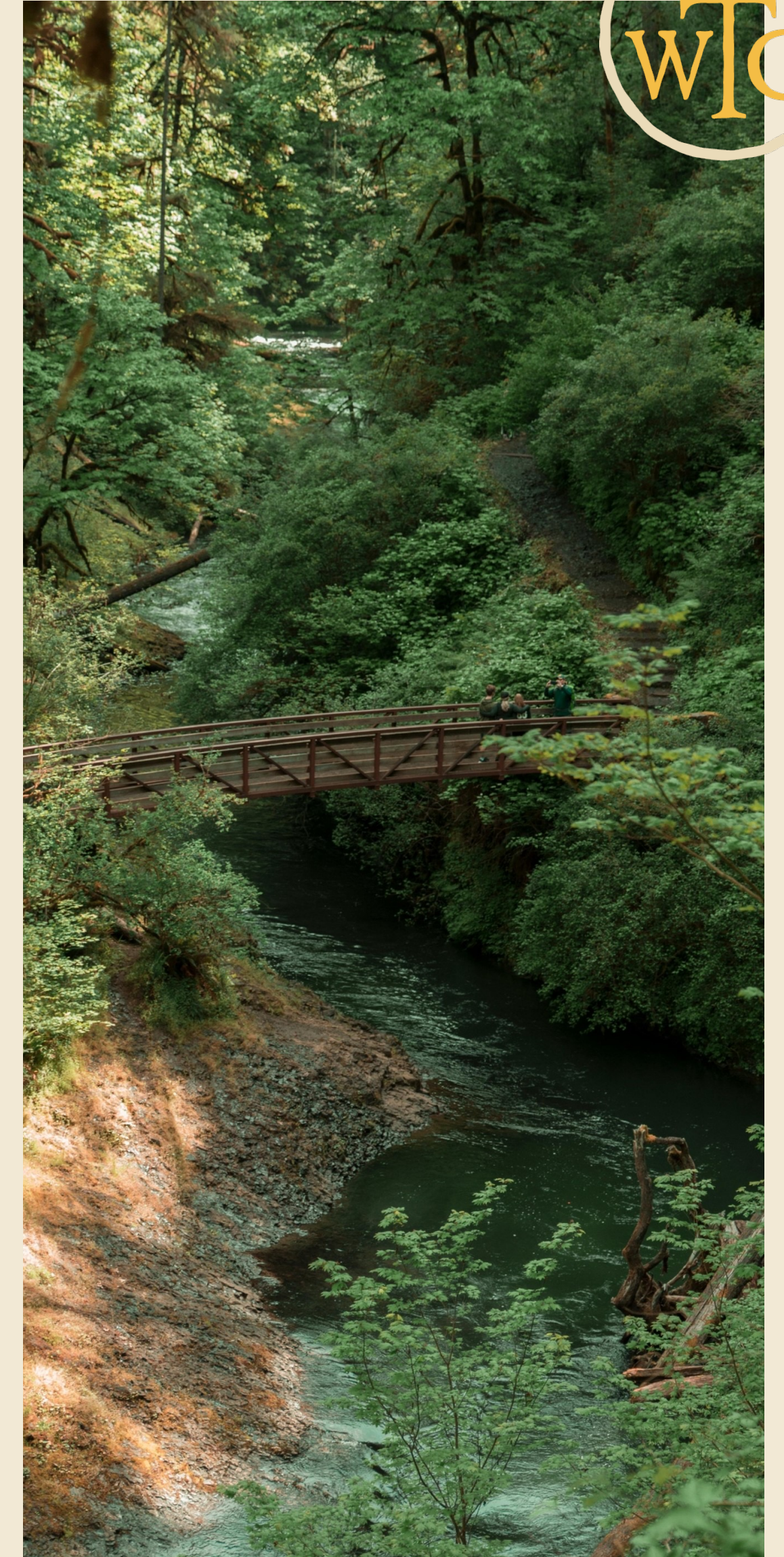
- Southwest Pod consists of eight projects across 2,000+ miles in Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, and Utah
- These projects are the result of TWTC analyses with participant feedback to scope and path
- TWTC members will form project companies and complete accelerated diligence into the feasibility, regulatory approvals and actual construction of projects will go forward





# Progress: Northwest Pod

- Kick-off meeting in June of 2025 at the Western Power Pool
- One-one meetings with members to discuss load growth, resource adequacy needs, renewable mandates, and potential transmission solutions.
- Circulated initial set of curated projects and currently gathering feedback from members
- Extensive membership participation along with the Northwest's unique dynamics create layers of complexity





# Current TWTC Membership

- **Tribal & Public Power:**

La Plata Electric, Salt River Project, North Wasco PUD, Public Generating Pool: Chelan Public Utility District, Clark Public Utility District, Cowlitz Public Utility District, Eugene Water & Electric Board, Grant Public Utility District, Lewis Public Utility District, Seattle City Light, Snohomish Public Utility District, Tacoma Public Utilities, Umatilla Electric Cooperative; PNGC: Benton Rural Electric Association, Big Bend Electric Cooperative, Blackly-Lane Electric Cooperative, Central Electric Cooperative, Clearwater Power Company, Columbia Rural Electric Association, Consumers Power Inc., Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative, Inc., Douglas Electric Cooperative, Fall River Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc., Flathead Electric Cooperative, Idaho County Light & Power Association, Inc., Harney Electric Cooperative, Inc., Inland Power & Light Company, Kootenai Electric Cooperative, Lane Electric Cooperative, Inc., Lincoln Electric Cooperative, Inc., Missoula Electric Cooperative, Northern Lights, Inc., Okanogan County Electric Cooperative, Inc., OPALCO, Raft River Rural Electric Co-op, Inc., Ravalli Electric Co-op, Wells Rural Electric Company, West Oregon Cooperative, Inc. UAMPS: Beaver City, Blanding City, Bountiful City, Brigham City, Central Valley Water Reclamation Facility, City of Enterprise, City of Falon, County of Los Alamos, Ephraim City, Fairview City, Fillmore City, Gallup City, Heber Light & Power, Helper City, Holden Town, Hurricane City, Hyrum City, Idaho Energy Authority, Idaho Falls Power, Kanosh Town, Kaysville City, Lassen Municipal Utility District, Lehi City, Logan City, Lost River Electric Cooperative, Lower Valley Energy, Meadow Town, Monroe City, Morgan City, Mt. Pleasant City, Murray City, Navajo Tribal Utility Authority, Parowan City, Payson City, Plumas-Sierra Rural Electric, Price City, Salmon River Electric Cooperative, Santa Clara, South Utah Valley Electric Service District, Spring City, Springville City, St. George, Ticaboo Utility Improvement District, Town of Oak City, Town of Paragonah, Truckee Donner Public Utility District, Washington City, Weber Basin Water Conservancy District, Wells Rural Electric Company, NV

- **Investor-Owned Utilities:**

Avista, El Paso Electric, Portland General, Puget Sound Energy, Public Service of New Mexico

- **Developers:**

Gridliance, Invenergy, ITC Holdings



# TWTC Advisory Board



- **Paul Kjellander**, TWTC Board President - Former Idaho PUC Chair, NARUC President
- **Susan Ackerman** - Former Chair, Oregon PUC; Board Member, Western Power Pool
- **Larry Bekkedahl** - Senior VP, Portland General Electric, Former Senior VP, Bonneville Power Administration, PacifiCorp
- **Alaina Burtenshaw** - Former Chair, Nevada PUC
- **Doug Howe** - Former Commissioner, New Mexico PRC; Board Member, Western Power Pool
- **Rich Walje** - Former President, Rocky Mountain Power, lineman
- **Donald Williams** - Energy Committee Co-Chair, Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, Principal Consultant, From the Light Consulting





# Thank you

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