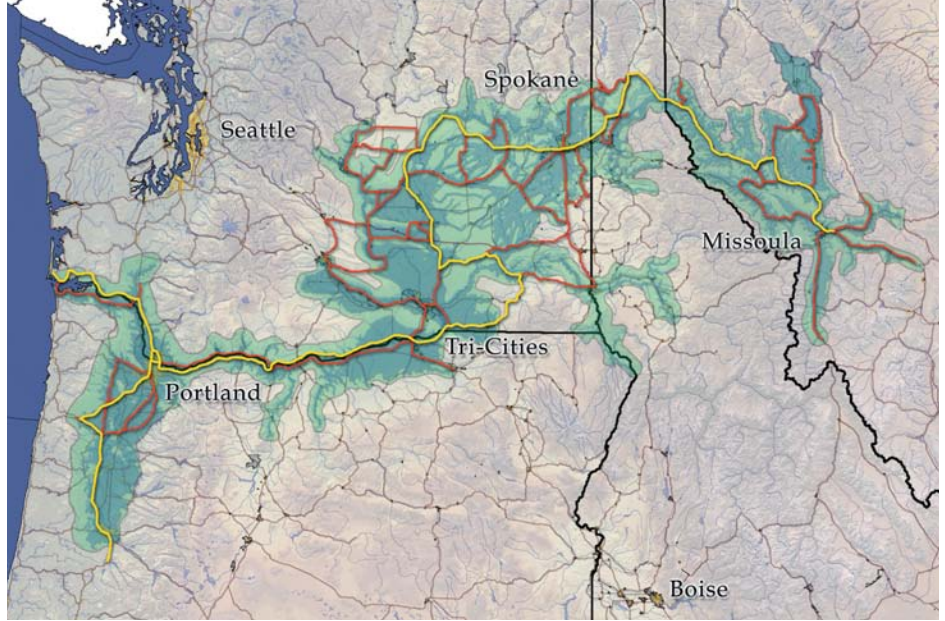




## ICE AGE FLOODS INTERPRETIVE PLAN

COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN AND THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS



**The Ice Age Floods Interpretive Plan explored several approaches to telling the story of the cataclysmic floods that formed much of the Pacific Northwest as we know it today.**

Today we see how the massive floods—when glacial Lake Missoula burst through a 2,000 foot ice dam—widened and deepened the Columbia Gorge, and scattered 200-ton boulders from the Rockies to Oregon's Willamette Valley.

Jones & Jones prepared the study with a diverse team, including public and private sector representatives from throughout the four state region as well as members of the nonprofit Ice Age Floods Institute. The anticipated outcome is a driving tour along the floods' path, featuring roadside interpretive signs at important sites and dramatic vistas.

Legislation to create America's first National Geologic Trail along the floods' path is now before the United States Congress.

### FACTS

Defining event in natural history of the Pacific Northwest  
12,000 to 17,000 years ago  
Floodwaters 10 times the combined flow of all the rivers of the world

### BENEFITS

Heightened public awareness of America's geological history  
Boon to tourism and economic development in communities along the floods' path  
Impetus for National Geologic Trail

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