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Ross Dam Was Able To Hold Much Flood Water

City Light last week released a report on the work of the Skagit projects during the flood situation of November 19th. Ross Dam was shut down from early Monday evening, Nov. 29th, at 9:30 p. m. and not reopened until 2:00 on Tuesday to hold back some of the abnormal river flow. The power was replaced on an interchange basis from Bonneville and Priest Rapids dams which furnished 639,000 and 264,000kw, respectively.

The Ross station showed a rainfall of 4.41 inches from 8:00 a. m. to midnight Monday. The Dalles gauge registered a stream flow of 114,000 cubic feet per second from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Tuesday. A flow of 90,000cfs is the point at which Ross Powerhouse operators are alerted to flood control action.