

WASHINGTON WATER POWER COMPANY POST FALLS POWER PLANT,
Middle Channel Powerhouse and Dam.

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Exit 5 off of Interstate 90 (I-90) south on Spokane Street
to Fourth Street, turn right and follow signs to public and
restricted access to the Middle Channel powerhouse and dam
on the Spokane River
Post Falls
Kootenai County
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Location: Spokane River, Post Falls, Idaho, approximately ½ mile west of intersection of Spokane and Fourth streets, City of Post Falls, Idaho

U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute Post Falls, Idaho quadrangle, Universal Transverse Mercator coordinates: A 11.503480.512813950; B 11.503220.52840000; C 11.502620.5283760; D 11.503270.51283210.

Date of Construction: 1904-1906.

Engineer: The Washington Water Power Company

Builder: The Washington Water Power Company

Present Owner: The Washington Water Power Company
P.O. Box 3727
Spokane, Washington 99220

Present Use: Hydroelectric production and electrical transmission

Significance: The Middle Channel powerhouse and dam is a component of the Washington Water Power Company Post Falls Power Plant. It is significant as the first power production and transmission facility constructed on the Spokane River outside of the City of Spokane, Washington. The historic property consists of the connected, but irregular-shaped "old switching building" (which is no longer operational), the power plant that houses the four turbine-generator units, and the run-of-the river dam. The brick and concrete power plant, old switching building, and dam have undergone minimal exterior modifications since their construction in 1906.

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ADDENDUM TO:
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FIELD RECORDS

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