



A HISTORY THAT NEEDS REPEATING.

As the owners and managers of the dam that enlarged the beloved Wallowa Lake nearly a century ago, members of the Wallowa Lake Irrigation District are ready to make history once again. They are facing the future as they always have: with stoic resolve and a lot of hope. Whether theirs becomes a tale of woe or a story of success is yet to be determined.

Set under snow-capped peaks in remote eastern Oregon, the lake is recognized as a state treasure by locals and visitors alike. Its beauty is rivaled only by its utility. The dam sustains the thriving agricultural community by reserving the seasonal snow melt for the hot, dry growing season and also allows farmers to keep water in stream for fish.

One tremor from a significant earthquake and the dam is projected to burst, releasing millions of gallons of water onto the town and surrounding farmlands with devastating effects.

All over the American West, critical irrigation infrastructure like the Wallowa Dam is in need of repair that no irrigation district can afford to fix alone. Members of the Wallowa Lake Irrigation District are working with FCA's Irrigation Modernization Program to amass the funding needed to rebuild the dam their forefathers had the vision to create. Without it, more than just a pretty lake is at stake.

GREAT THINGS ARE HAPPENING.

**Wallowa Lake
Irrigation District
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Wallowa, Oregon

Pictured are father and son farmers Tom and Dan Butterfield. Tom is holding a historical photo picturing the building of the first Wallowa Lake Dam in 1916.

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