

#### What State Energy Officials Should Know About Hydropower

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# Hydropower is in 48 States





Water Power's Role on the Electricity Grid

 Hydro provides power to 25+ million Americans

Baseload generation

Domestically secure

Clean / emission-free

## Water Power at a Glance



- About 30% of U.S. renewable energy
- 80 GW of hydropower capacity
- 22 GW of pumped storage hydropower capacity
  (96% of U.S. utility scale storage capacity)
- Globally produces more electricity than all other forms of renewables combined
- Exciting emerging marine energy technologies (wave, tidal, current)

## Challenges to the Fleet

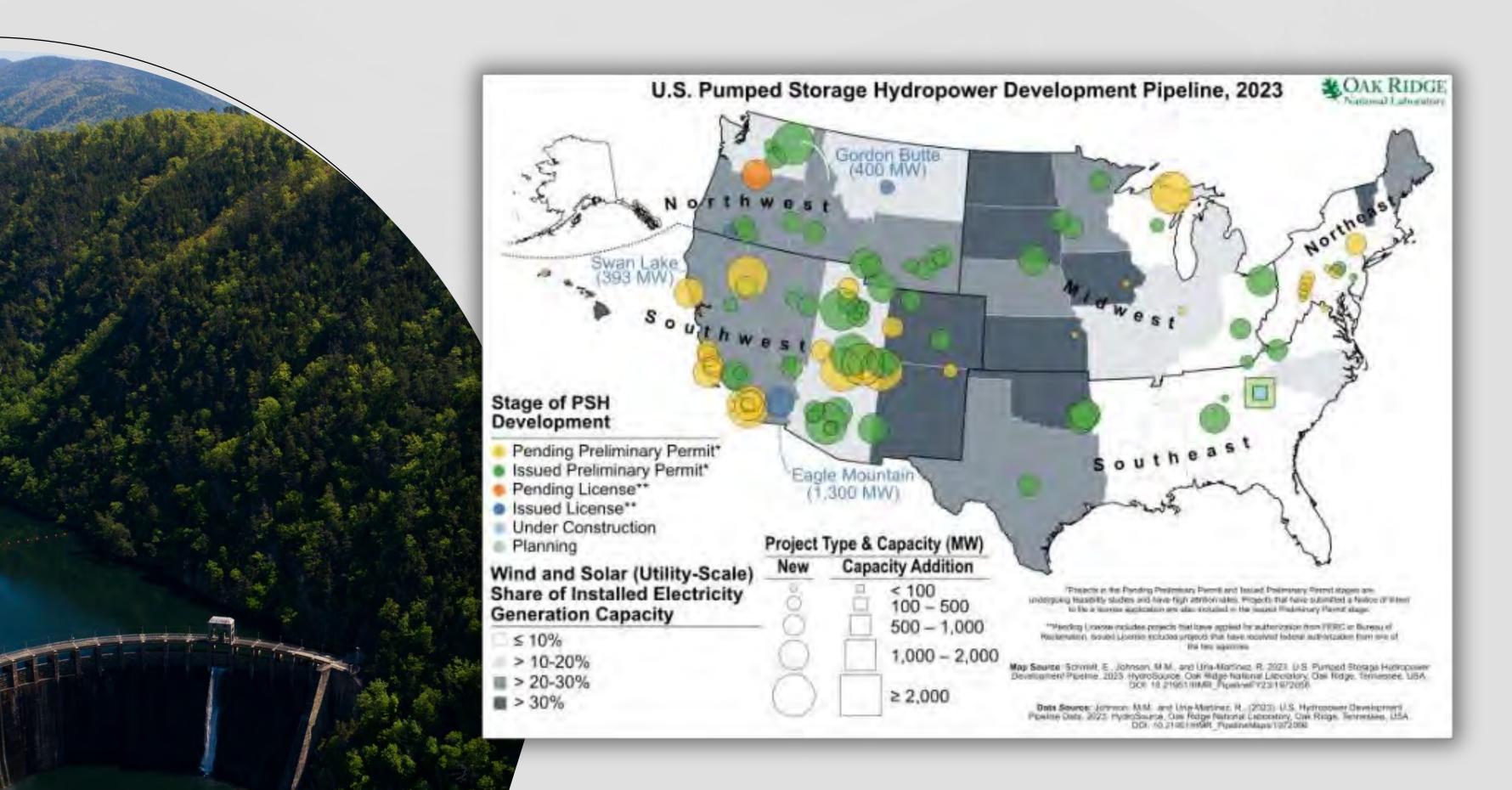
 40% of non-federal fleet is up for relicensing in next decade (and often takes



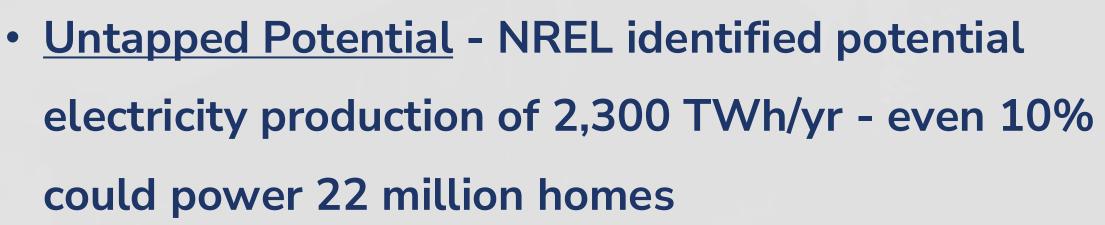


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#### **Growth Opportunities: Pumped Storage**







- Predictable and Reliable Energy Sources Tidal patterns are known years in advance, aiding grid planning and integration
- Local Impact: Stimulates economic growth in coastal and maritime regions; marine energy technologies also have remote and islanded community applications
- CA passed SB-605 to explore marine energy's role in state, now NHA is exploring future states



### Action Items

- Know when facilities in your state are up for relicensing.
- Check with facility to explore if license surrender is a realistic risk.
- Evaluate impacts of potential surrender on grid reliability, essential grid services, etc.
- Reach out to your state's natural resource agencies to promote intra-state communication/coordination on relicensing issues.



Thank you!