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The Columbia River is the lifeblood of the Pacific Northwest

- **VOLUME**: 2nd largest river in the U.S. in water volume behind the Mississippi River.
- **HOME TO**: 14 hydropower dams that produce 44% of the U.S.'s total hydropower generation.
- **FLOWS PAST**: high-population centers such as the Tri-Cities, Wash. and Portland, Ore.
- **WATERSHED**: covers an area of more than 260,000 square miles, reaching parts of 7 states and British Columbia, Canada.
- **GATEWAY FOR**: agricultural shipping. In 2016, 44% of U.S. wheat exports traveled down the Columbia River.
- **HOSTS MANY**: fish species including 13 designated threatened or endangered species.

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