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The mitigation agreement for the removal of Gold Ray Dam required a number of items, including the creation of this interpretive park assembled from salvaged equipment from the historic powerhouse. Located in a county park adjacent to the former dam site, the interpretive site includes a walking trail, two professionally-designed interpretive panels, and pieces of representative equipment – each with an additional interpretive panel. The images below provide a general overview of the project.
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Construction of the Gold Ray Dam, powerhouse, flood control, and other features began in 1913 on the Clear Creek in Jackson County, new mills, and the Clarke hydroelectric plant was started in 1920. Consuming an annual electric power, most of the power was transferred from the dams. Gold Ray was the first hydroelectric power on the Klamath River and was provided electric power to Ashland, Medford, Jacksonville, Gold Hill, Grants Pass, and most of the Rogue Valley. In 1912 Gold Ray became part of the Columbia Oregon Power Company, which called "Coomerland," from Springfield, OR to Redding, CA, under the merger with Pacific Power and Light in 1964.

The initial project is still augmented by a number of features. In 1913 the Gold Ray continued to produce power with its pioneer equipment until 1972 when Pacific Power obtained the project and then handed it over to Jackson County. The dam, the powerhouse, and most of the features at Gold Ray were removed in 2010.
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