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The dam proposal has expanded far beyond its original design, dramatically increasing infrastructure needs and projected costs of \$1.3–\$2.3 billion without a clear funding or long-term cost plan. Persistent geotechnical risks—fractured bedrock, landslide hazards, and potential faulting—remain unresolved. The DEIS concedes "significant and unavoidable" impacts to salmon, water quality, and treaty-protected Tribal rights, while construction-related river dewatering would further jeopardize vulnerable fish populations.