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Pend Oreille PUD Installs a Wireless Internet Tower in Ione, WA

Thanks to Gracious Customer

Newport, WA – Public Utility District No. 1 of Pend Oreille County (PUD) recently completed successful installation of a new wireless internet tower in Ione, WA. The tower is currently serving internet to over 50 Ione customers with speeds up to 15Mbps download and 5 Mbps upload. Most customers prior to the installation of the new tower had no internet access available to them. With the new tower, the PUD’s hope is to double or triple the internet availability in the Ione area.

In the small rural community of Ione, this is a big win that deserve a huge thanks. This project was made possible thanks to one of PUD’s finest and most gracious customers, Nicki Dickinson. Nicki is a long-time resident of Ione and recently retired from Mountain West Bank after 29 years as a vice president, branch manager and loan officer - she has property in Ione that was a perfect site for the PUD to install its tower. Nicki graciously allowed the PUD access to her property and said “I am willing to do whatever it takes to help the community”. The PUD completed installation of the new tower located on her property March 6th, 2020. Ione residents who are interested in inquiring about services are encouraged to contact an authorized retail service provider to check availability. To find out who the available retail service providers are, please check out the PUD’s Community Network System website at <https://cnsfiber.net/RetailServiceProviders/Index>

“It’s because of great customers like Nicki that I enjoy coming to work every day - the fact that our customers are willing to help others is what makes Pend Oreille County a wonderful place” said Dario Nila, the PUD’s CNS Systems Specialist. “Nicki deserves a big thank you for all of her cooperation, assistance, and willingness to allow the easement and use of her property to make wireless internet in the area a huge success”.

About Pend Oreille County Public Utility District

Pend Oreille PUD was established in 1936 and began operations in 1948. The PUD is governed by three locally elected Commissioners. A General Manager and staff operate the utility within policies set by the Board of Commissioners. The PUD has four operating systems: The electric system distributes electricity to the county, the production system produces power from the Box Canyon Hydroelectric Project, the water system consists of nine individual water distribution subdivisions, and the community network system provides wholesale broadband communication services. For more information visit: <http://popud.org>.

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