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OCTOBER 2024



**PUBLIC POWER WEEK BEGINS OCTOBER 6TH
WE HAVE REASON TO CELEBRATE!**

Like more than 2,000 utilities across the country, we are powered by a community-owned, not-for-profit, public power utility. During Public Power Week, we celebrate the benefits of living in a public power community, including: low rates, high reliability, customer responsiveness, community focus, economic development, and local control. Thank you for being one of our 9,000+ customers.

**We are celebrating Public Power Week Mon - Thur
October 7th - 10th**

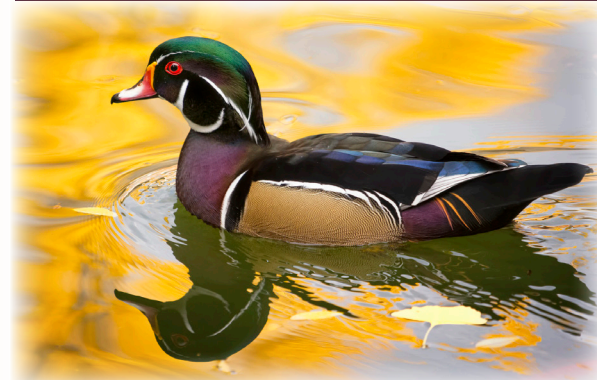
Stop in and see us at either the PUD office in Newport or the Box Canyon Visitor's Center in Lone for coffee, cookies & cocoa.

We will be giving out PUD swag, including mini flashlights, tote bags, fidget balls & more (while supplies last). Our Customer Service Team and PUD staff look forward to seeing you.

Wood Duck Boxes

Wood ducks and other waterfowl typically nest in large tree cavities adjacent to wet habitats that provide sufficient food. Once threatened with near-extinction in the early to mid-20th century, these birds have experienced a healthy population rebound, in part due to nest boxes creating new nesting opportunities. The PUD maintains over 35 waterfowl nest structures as part of the Box Canyon Hydroelectric Project license compliance efforts.

The PUD offers technical support to local groups and individual landowners that are interested in enhancing waterfowl nesting habitats in shoreline areas located within the Box Canyon reservoir. The PUD also offers a limited number of structures for cavity-nesting waterfowl. For either technical assistance or a cavity nest structure, contact the PUD at information@popud.org.



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PEND OREILLE PUD DEVELOPING COMPREHENSIVE WILDFIRE MITIGATION PLAN

The PUD is actively developing its Wildfire Mitigation Plan in response to evolving wildfire risks and new regulatory requirements in Washington State. With a submission deadline of October 31, 2024, the plan focuses on protecting communities and electrical infrastructure, reducing potential wildfire impacts, and complying with state regulations. The PUD's approach includes evaluating vegetation management, updating equipment, and other risk mitigation measures while balancing customer needs and financial responsibility.

"This is an important step in ensuring that our county and the surrounding environment are protected from the increasing risks posed by wildfires," said Joe Hathaway, Public Information Officer for the PUD. "Our goal is to integrate best practices into our operations and maintain a resilient electrical system, while staying committed to providing reliable and affordable service to our customers."

Following the plan's submission, the PUD is committed to engaging the community through public meetings where residents will have the opportunity to learn more about the finalized plan, ask questions, and provide input on wildfire mitigation efforts. These meetings are expected to take place next spring.



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ENERGY ASSISTANCE

The Energy Assistance Season Begins! Mark your calendar for October 1st.

Rural Resources is accepting online applications for its Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) starting October 1st at 11:00am. Appointments fill up extremely fast and the application process will close when all appointment slots are full. For more information, upcoming application dates, or to apply, please visit Rural Resources website at: [Rural Resources Assistance 2024-2025](#).



HOW'S YOUR INTERNET?



The Broadband Survey Closes October 15!

[Click here to take the survey today!](#)

Or visit: <http://tedd.broadbandportal.net/popud>

If you haven't yet taken the Broadband survey, there's still time. We're surveying the community to learn more about broadband access in our area. Your input matters! By participating, you're helping shape the future of broadband infrastructure. Let's work together to bring reliable high-speed internet to Pend Oreille County. Thank You!