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JUNE 2021

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL

Since spring has sprung, we are on our way to warmer weather, and the first of this year's weed seeds are on the move. To help prevent the spread of noxious weeds throughout the year, avoid traveling through weed-infested areas with ATVs and other off-road vehicles. To avoid bringing weed seed into new areas, it is important to be cautious when taking vehicles off-road as seeds easily get caught in frame and tires of vehicles and can blow away or fall out in a new location. It is advised to thoroughly wash your vehicle after being off-road. If you would like more information on noxious weed prevention, treatment and resources that are available in our area, you can visit the Weed Board website at pendoreilleco.org or click here for the latest Noxious Weed Control Board Brochure.

Top Most Harmful Weed in our Area =
FLOWERING RUSH

Noxious weeds are harmful to real estate and farm values, scenic beauty and tourism, quality of natural resources, economic activity overall, and livestock and wildlife.

PUD Visits Newport Kindergarten Classes



*Pictured: Mrs. Nichols 2020-2021 Kindergarten Class
Mrs. Nichols is retiring this year after serving the Newport School District for 38 years. Congratulations Pam!*

Looking to Save? We offer a 1% discount to customers who wish to pay their electric bill for the coming year in advance. This is a once-a-year opportunity and is available during the month of June. Simply call our Customer Service Department to have your estimated annual billing amount calculated.



Wildland Fires & Our System

Have you ever heard the term “One-Shot”? It is a crucial operating mode that the PUD uses to help prevent wildland fires in our county.

Every year about this time our line crews and system operators complete the process of placing most of our distribution breakers and reclosers on “One-Shot” or “Non-Reclose” mode to help prevent fires due to faults on our system. The term one-shot or non-reclose means we reduce the number of times our reclosers operate from three to one. Because there is a chance that sparks are created each time a fault occurs on a line, reducing the number of operations reduces the chance of fire.

For example, when a fault occurs such as a tree falling into a line, the breaker, which is a safety mechanism, shuts the power off. In normal operations, the breaker waits for a fixed amount of time and turns the power back on. If the tree is still in the line, the breaker shuts the power off again, waits the fixed amount of time, and turns back on. If the tree is still there on the third attempt, it is considered a permanent fault and the power remains off. At this point, we will call out a line crew to remove the tree and restore power to our customers.

A fault could also occur when a limb falls into the line. The same operation happens, except that there is a strong possibility that the limb falls off of the line after the first fault. In normal operations, power would remain on after the second attempt because the breaker no longer detected a fault and customers would only see a very short (several second) power outage. In one-shot mode, however, the power stays off after the first fault to decrease the chance that additional sparks may be created by turning the power back on. **The result: power outages are more likely, but the threat of a wildland fire is reduced.**

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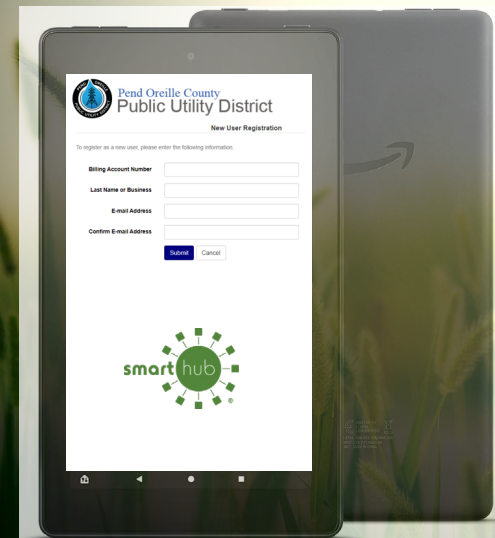
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