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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.



We are honoring Public Power Week the 2nd week of October and 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.

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We will be celebrating **Public Power Week Oct 9th - 13th**. 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 LED bulbs, PUD mini flashlights & more (while supplies last). Our Customer Service Team and PUD staff look forward to seeing you.



Electric Vehicle Charging Station Opens in Metaline Falls



The PUD officially launched a new Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station in Metaline Falls last month. Customers, tourists and through-travelers can now charge their electric cars for free at the Blink Series 7 EV station. The PUD purchased the charger, received a tax credit to help cover the cost, and partnered with the Town of Metaline Falls to cover the electricity costs. The station is located in front of the Metaline Falls Visitor Center on Washington St. at the end of 5th Ave. A big thanks to our partners at the Town of Metaline Falls! For more information, click here: [EV Charging](#).

Pictured from left to right: Past PUD Commissioner - Ric Larson, PUD's Interim General Manager - Sarah Holderman, Metaline Falls Mayor - Tara Leininger, Metaline Falls Maintenance Director - Neil Bennett, Councilwoman - Fran Maxwell, and PUD Commissioner - Dave Rick at the Grand Opening Event on September 12, 2023.

Are you looking to contact your Internet Retail Service Provider ?

Your Internet Retail Service Provider (RSP) is the best place to start if you are experiencing a disruption in your internet service - they will create a trouble ticket to address any issues and will contact us if needed.

- **iFiber Communications** (509) 447-2600
- **WOW - Wired or Wireless** (509) 447-3067
- **MiFiber*** (208) 437-4544

*Previously known as Concept Communications

For additional information, visit:
[Retail Service Providers](#)

Mark Your Calendar for Oct 2nd!

Rural Resources is accepting online applications for its Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) October 2nd 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 Energy Assistance Information 2023-2024](#)

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