

**PUD**

Energizing Life in Our Communities



# THE WIRE



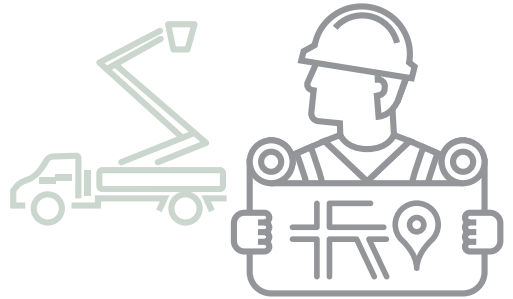
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## Outsmarting the Wildfire Threat

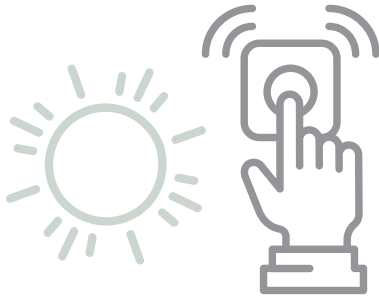
As the climate in our region changes, we face wildfire threats we have not seen in the past. The PUD is working every day to reduce the risk of utility-caused wildfires in high-risk areas.



**Crew Safety:** When working in areas identified as high-ignition risk, PUD crews will use electric chainsaws instead of gas-powered to minimize sparks. They will also be outfitted with water tanks and hoses.



**Targeted Tree Trimming:** To protect infrastructure near wildfire-vulnerable areas, PUD tree trimming crews will focus this summer on tree, limb and brush removal near power lines in the Darrington, Gold Bar and Index areas.



**Initiating "Fire Settings":** If our region activates high fire precautions, the PUD will initiate "fire settings" on circuits in high ignition areas like Darrington and Gold Bar. These minimize the chance of wires being energized if they've fallen.



**Grid Hardening:** Made possible by a \$30 million Department of Energy grant, the PUD's SnoSMART project will install wireless smart grid devices to give system operators more control over equipment in the field.

## Be Alert

Learn about an emergency ASAP by signing up for SnoCoAlerts, the county's Department of Emergency Management alert system. To sign up, visit [www.snohomishcountywa.gov/dem](http://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/dem).



★ *Don't forget to hop on to [snopud.com/75](http://snopud.com/75) to enter for your chance at a \$75 bill credit. Entries start fresh each month.* ★

View/report outages at [OUTAGEMAPS.SNOPUD.COM](http://OUTAGEMAPS.SNOPUD.COM) or report at 425-783-1001

## Heather Grisolia, Hydro Hero

As a Generation System Operator, Heather makes sure PUD plants are in tip-top shape and delivering clean, renewable power to our customers. Heather assists with start-up, shutdown and troubleshooting for five hydroelectric plants, including the PUD’s Jackson Hydro Project, and one bio-fuel plant. Combined, these deliver about 71 megawatts of clean power to our customers.

“It is such a dance sometimes, but the PUD Generation team is like a well-oiled machine,” says Heather. “Schedule the power, make the power, distribute the power!”

Heather is used to working in high-pressure environments, having worked in engine rooms aboard the USS Nimitz in her previous career.



### Learn How the PUD Powers the Future

Join us for an interactive open house to learn about our Integrated Resource Plan (IRP).

- Wednesday, July 24, 5-7 p.m., at the Electric Building, 2320 California St., Everett
- Wednesday, Aug. 14, 5-7 p.m., at the Arlington Clean Energy Center, 17601 59th Ave., NE, Arlington

For more, visit [snopud.com/irp](https://snopud.com/irp).

### CONNECT Up is Heading East

Our Connect Up team will be busy exchanging meters in the Sky Valley communities of Sultan, Gold Bar and Index this summer. Keep a look out for their vans and give them a wave! For more information on the PUD’s advanced meter project, visit [snopud.com/connectup](https://snopud.com/connectup).



### Save Up to \$2,500 on a Heat Pump!

Cuddles can be comfortable year-round in your electrically heated home. Heat pumps heat and cool. Learn more: [snopud.com/cooling](https://snopud.com/cooling).

### Keep Bills Cool This Summer

Use these energy-saving tips to help lower your bills and help us maintain system stability during hot summer days.

- Keep your thermostat at 78 degrees during the day and 84 at night.
- Close blinds, shades or curtains on warm days to keep the sun’s rays out.
- While preparing meals, use a crock pot, toaster oven or microwave instead of your full-sized range or oven.