

THE WIRE

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Summer Projects

The PUD works year round to build, upgrade and maintain our infrastructure to continue our history of reliability. Here's a look at some summer projects:

- ✦ Completing upgrades to our **North Camano Substation**, adding capacity to serve growth on the island. Work on the original 115-kilovolt transmission line to the island will begin once the rebuilt substation is energized.
- ✦ Construction continues on a new substation in Smokey Point. The **Crosswind Substation**, located near our Arlington Microgrid, will support a new 25-megawatt battery energy storage system.
- ✦ Completion of pole replacement along **State Route 530** east of Darrington. The work, which began last summer, will replace a total of 93 poles – many 60 years old – as well as upgrading the circuit with stronger wire.
- ✦ Vegetation Management will trim trees near our equipment in areas east of **Snohomish, Sultan, Gold Bar and Index** to improve reliability and mitigate wildfire risks.

PUD Linemen Earn Top Honors

Three PUD Journeyman Linemen took first place overall at May's Los Angeles Lineman's Rodeo, one of the most prestigious in the country. Kyle Fitzhugh, Travis Witters and Miguel Mena outperformed 30 teams in categories including 16KV Insulator Change, 4.8KV Jumper Change and 4.8KV Crossarm Change.

Apprentice Lineman Jared Hoidal took second place in the Apprentice Pole Climb competition.



Heather Herbst: Creating Powerful Pupils

Teaching the next generation about electricity is an important job. For Heather, a PUD Education Coordinator, it's a passion. Heather oversees six teachers who visit hundreds of elementary schools throughout Snohomish County and Camano Island to teach students about electrical safety, circuits, hydro-power and more. She facilitates field trips and tours for local students, arranges for PUD participation in school STEM events and designs energy-related lessons that adhere to state education standards.

"Heather brings an unmatched passion to her work," said Lisa Hunnewell, PUD Chief Communications Officer. "She absolutely loves teaching anyone who will listen about the benefits of renewable energy, sustainability and energy conservation."



H2O Powered!

Nearly 70% of the PUD's power comes from renewable hydropower and, on average, nearly 97% of our power supply is from clean-energy resources. Visit snopud.com/fuelmix for more information.

Be Water Wise this Summer

Water conservation is critical this time of year. Visit snopud.com/water and download our watering calendar for tips on when to water and how to conserve.

Tip! Use the short-cycle option and air-dry setting on your dishwasher.

Lower Your Summer Energy Peaks

During hot summer months, energy demands peak in late afternoon as heat builds up throughout the day and air conditioners must work harder to cool rooms. This can mean higher costs for the PUD as we serve increasing demand. Here are tips to lower your energy use during these peaks, helping keep costs down for you and your PUD:

- Wash dishes and laundry in the morning or after sundown
- Close blinds on south-facing windows during the afternoon
- While preparing dinner, use a crock pot, toaster oven or microwave instead of a full-sized oven



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