



Introducing our new GM

Steve Wright to start Sept. 3

➔ Chelan PUD commissioners unanimously selected Steve Wright as the next general manager. Wright joins the PUD after



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32 years at the Bonneville Power Administration, the last 12 as the head of the federal power marketing agency.

"The commission asked

PUD customers and employees about the qualities they would want in the next general manager," said board President Carnan Bergren. "We listened carefully to their suggestions and are confident that we have selected a great individual to lead the PUD."

Meeting with employees and community leaders after his selection, Wright said his connection to the Columbia River and a commitment to public power drew him to the PUD's top job. He said he'll be asking customer-owners what's important to them so he can make sure their values and opinions are reflected in PUD decisions.

Wright began his career at the Bonneville Power Administration in the energy conservation division in 1981. He held a number of positions at BPA, most recently as administrator. Wright graduated from the University of Oregon with a master's degree in public administration. He is married and has three children ages 20, 16 and 13.

Free help for fruit warehouses to dial down energy use

➔ A new service offers free help to Chelan PUD industrial customers such as fruit warehouses to pinpoint and put energy-saving refrigeration measures into place. Industrial conservation experts Cascade Energy of Walla Walla will do the legwork to find ways to save energy and then track the gains so businesses can keep saving.



Jim White, left, works with staff at Stemilt Growers.

The conservation measures can mean as much as \$300,000 in energy savings for fruit warehouses over three years. The energy savings realized also

contribute to the PUD's conservation requirements under I-937.

Interested? Contact Jim White, PUD senior energy conservation engineer, for details at james.white@chelanpud.org or (509) 661-4829.

Strategic Plan update

➔ Our current Strategic Plan runs through 2014 and soon you will receive a report on how we are doing with the plan. Find more information about the Strategic Plan on our website at chelanpud.org>Strategic Plan.

14 Parks built by Chelan PUD on the Columbia River and Lake Chelan. Enjoy!



Entiat Park renewal starts this fall

After a decade of dreaming and working together on the plan to rebuild Entiat Park, the popular Columbia River playground will close the day after Labor Day for a major facelift.



Sculpture design

When it reopens for Memorial Day 2015, picnickers, campers and boaters will find new restrooms, updated hook-ups, easier access and a new look in landscaping. The project includes the new Entiatqua Trail, linking the park to the Entiat River, and a life-size statue of Chief Chilcosahaskt of the Entiat Tribe.

➔ **SEE** you at Wenatchee River Salmon Festival Sept. 19-21 in Leavenworth.



Get an eyeful of salmon

➔ August and September offer prime looks at the adult salmon and steelhead making their way up the river past Rocky Reach Dam to spawn. Estimates are more than 130,000 sockeye and more than 73,000 summer Chinook are headed for the Upper Columbia Basin this year.

Get a front row seat for the salmon parade at the Rocky Reach Visitor Center, open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. every day. That's prime fish-viewing time for the big fish that are most active in daytime.

Welcome to Connected!

This newsletter brings you money-saving energy tips along with updates on energy issues and PUD projects.

In this edition:

- Meet our next general manager
- Energy-saving help for local fruit warehouses
- Best times for fish-watching



Ditch the paper bill; pay online

Want to pay your power bill without changing out of your jammies? No problem if you sign up for online payment with Powerpay. Online bill payment offers customers convenience and even saves you a stamp. Powerpay also saves the PUD 54 cents a bill on printing and mailing costs.



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In your neighborhood: Chelan PUD @ work

Crews will be in these neighborhoods, to keep utility service reliable.

- *Wenatchee Heights – upgrades for overhead power lines*
- *Okanogan Avenue (Wen) – powering up the new substation*
- *Castle Rock (Wen) – increasing transmission line clearance*
- *Cashmere – converting former city lines to PUD voltage*
- *North Wenatchee – moving power, water and fiber lines for city widening of Pine Street*



Call 811 before you dig

Installing a fence, breaking ground for that new shop or getting ready to tear up the yard for the landscape of your dreams? Wait: Before you turn that first shovel of dirt, check to make sure no water, power or telecom lines are in the way.

State law requires residents to get locations of underground cables, pipes, and related equipment (see RCW 19.122).

**Call the Dig Council
(not the PUD) at 811
(or 1-800-424-5555)
48 hours before digging.
Location services are free.**

