

CYCLE OF PERSONAL OWNERSHIP

NOVEMBER 2018 **WINNER**



CHELAN COUNTY

RICH COLSON

During the weekend of November 8th and 9th, a very strong wind storm blew through Chelan County. The Leavenworth service area experienced the brunt of the storm. As a result of the high sustained winds, there were multiple outages. In particular was an outage that impacted part of the downtown core in Leavenworth. Several large trees had fallen over, taking with them the nearby power poles and transformers. When the transformers hit the ground, they spilled quite a bit of oil. District oil response teams responded quickly. Following protocol, they used quite a bit of floor dry to absorb the oil. There was so much oil, that they used all the floor dry that was readily available. Warehouseman Rich Colson then contacted the Central Maintenance Warehouse for more floor dry. This effort by Rich kept the clean up process moving seamlessly. After the storm Rich has taken personal ownership of this situation by putting into place the following items. Large quantities of floor dry will be stocked in the Hawley Street, Leavenworth and Chelan warehouses. There will be bins with liners for the crews to put the soiled materials in. The bins are a MUCH better way to clean up an area than trying to load the soiled materials into barrels with lids.

Rich's ability to see a need, grab onto the issue, pursue solutions that will enhance the work of others, and make the District more responsive to environmental spills are exactly what we need to see more of. Rich did not wait for someone else to do something. He grabbed the bull by the horns and made it happen. Way to go Rich. Thank you!!