



## GM Steve Wright Wanted: Your BIG Idea



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**The best for the most for the longest.**

It's been great to be part of so many conversations about how Chelan PUD can take this theme and turn

it into reality to help make this wonderful county an even better place to live, work and play.

We have an ambitious goal: to gather ideas from as many people as possible – from all around the county – to help us think BIG as we plan for the PUD's and the community's future.

Thank you to the nearly 200 people who gathered at Numerica Performing Arts Center in June to help us launch the discussion.

Community leaders including Rufus Woods, Bob Bugert, Shiloh Schauer and Bart Clennon challenged all of

us to create a bold vision - much like earlier visionaries did in the 1930s – as they worked tirelessly to bring public power to Chelan County. Their leadership led to acquiring Rock Island and Lake Chelan dams, and to build Rocky Reach Dam, leaving a legacy of clean, low-cost power that fuels our economic engine and provides recreational opportunities for all to enjoy. We are now challenging all of you to help with the next generation of powerful ideas.

Since June, we have been busy:

- Six topic teams were created to look at specific focus areas: Water & Wastewater; Fiber & Telecommunications; Parks & Recreation; Reinvesting in the PUD; Economic Development; and Electrification
- More than 30 community meetings have been held around the county in Leavenworth, Cashmere, Entiat, Peshastin, Chelan, Stehekin, Manson, Wenatchee and Malaga
- 450-plus comments have been received
- . . . and, too numerous to count, are

individual conversations and discussions about the possibilities

Do you have an idea? Let us know. Your comments do matter. Please join the conversation by going to [www.ourpublicpower.org](http://www.ourpublicpower.org) to give us your great idea that will create the most good, for the most number of people, for the longest period of time.

**It's a powerful moment in time. We need to hear from you.**

### Join the conversation

Visit [www.ourpublicpower.org](http://www.ourpublicpower.org) and make your comments known. We want to hear from you.



## Making PUD fiber faster, more reliable

A project that will make it possible for local service providers to offer faster services over Chelan PUD fiber is moving from planning to reality starting in mid-August.

In the next two and half years, PUD crews will replace about 5,500 original BPON (broadband passive optical network) connections with GPON (gigabit passive optical network) equipment. The GPON connections offer faster speeds, access to advanced services and will improve the overall reliability of the fiber network, says Bob Shane, PUD telecom engineering manager.

Service providers will contact their customers when it is time to schedule the equipment switch.



## Butterfly lights for your garden

Sign up to support SNAP – Chelan PUD's solar and wind energy program – and receive a free set of three solar-powered decorative butterfly lights for your yard or garden.

Contributions from customers keep the SNAP program growing and help Chelan County remain a leader in developing renewable energy.

It's easy to do online at [chelanpud.org](http://chelanpud.org). We'll call you to arrange when you can pick up your garden lights at one of our offices. Offer available while supplies last.



# Welcome to Connected!

 This newsletter brings you the latest news about your public utility including money-saving energy tips, updates on PUD projects and ways your utility is working with you to enjoy this beautiful area we call home.

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## In your neighborhood Chelan PUD at work

PUD crews are in neighborhoods working on:

- Chelan County storm water improvement project in Number 1 Canyon (Wenatchee)
  - » PUD needs to relocate about 130 feet of water main
- Underground cable replacements
  - » County-wide, more than 30 in 2014



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*Caden Stockwell, left, and Jim White, senior energy conservation engineer.*

## Summer students help PUD prepare for the future

Twelve college students are working at Chelan County PUD this summer. They are honing their career skills and

offering a fresh perspective as the District prepares to serve its next generation of customers.

"Hiring students is an efficient and cost-effective way to develop and identify talent, most often from our local market," said Ruth Erwert, recruiting manager. "By exposing students to our PUD culture, job expectations, opportunities and work places, we build relationships to promote the possibility of long-term employment after graduation."

Caden Stockwell of Leavenworth, a senior mechanical engineering major at Washington State University, is excited about his work for the Conservation group that directly applies to his future career.

"My course work in college correlates with my internship right now, which makes for a great learning experience," Stockwell said. "They have a really good program here."

Students interested in applying for next summer can go to [chelanpud.org](http://chelanpud.org) under "Careers" for more information.

## Find river information 24/7

Boaters can click, call or scan to get the latest Columbia River conditions and public boat launch access on their phone, tablet and/or computer. At [chelanpud.org](http://chelanpud.org) check "Boat launch information," or call (509) 661-8121 and press "6" or scan this QR (Quick Response) code.

