

## New Lights Dim Glare For Observatory

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Klickitat PUD recently installed new energy-efficient light fixtures in its parking lot at the Goldendale office to improve night sky viewing from the Goldendale Observatory.

The light fixtures were designed to prevent light from escaping upward or to the sides. The fixtures will shine light only downward where it is needed.

Light that shines up and out not only is wasted, it also contributes to “sky glow,” which is the biggest obstacle in the observatory’s goal of becoming an International Dark Sky Park.

“The PUD parking lot lights show it is possible to light businesses at night or provide security lighting for residences and farms, while also keeping the sky



Klickitat PUD Groundman Mike Purdy checks on the progress of Lineman Martin Taylor and Foreman Rob Rising as they install a new light fixture in the PUD office parking lot in Goldendale.

dark,” wrote observatory supporter and former PUD employee Mary Jean Lord in a letter to

The Goldendale Sentinel. “Thank you to Klickitat PUD, business owners, government officials,

and residents who have installed energy efficient, dark sky friendly light fixtures.” ■

## White Salmon Crew Fills Groundman Position

Keith Lilly was selected February 16 to fill the open groundman position with the White Salmon crew.

Keith has been employed with Klickitat PUD since June 2008 as a meter reader/customer service representative.

“Keith will be a great asset to our team, and we are



Keith Lilly

happy to welcome him aboard,” says White Salmon crew Foreman Kip Graves.

As a groundman, Keith will be responsible for performing manual labor and equipment operation to assist line workers in their activities associated with electrical power line construction

and maintenance.

Keith was raised in White Salmon and is familiar with the service territory he will work in.

In his spare time, he enjoys riding his four-wheeler on the beach and spending time with friends and family, especially his nephew Jonathan.

Congratulations to Keith as he moves forward with his new position. ■