

## Harnessing the Wind's Power

With groundbreaking taking place September 11 for the White Creek Wind Project, it was time to provide county residents with an update.

Town meetings were scheduled for October 16 in Goldendale and the 17 in White Salmon.

Those attending to provide information and answer questions included Elmer Sams, general manager of Last Mile Electric Co-op; Tom Svendsen, KPUD general manager; Randy Knowles, KPUD commissioner; Allen Barkley, KPUD power manager; and Bob Young, White Creek Wind Project



manager.

The PowerPoint presentation included pictures of the wind site near Roosevelt and a timeline of events showing how the project will progress, with an online date scheduled for the fall of 2007.

A capacity of 205 megawatts will be generated from 89 wind turbines, serving 50,000 households.

Its "green power" will be consumed in the Pacific Northwest.

The layout of the turbines has been carefully sited on the five landowners' property to minimize bird and habitat impacts.

The project will have a

positive impact on Klickitat County's economy, including jobs, tax benefits and an increase in customers for local businesses.

Benefits to Klickitat PUD customers include extra income to keep electric rates as low as possible; a stronger, more durable line on the east end of the county; a reduction in the risk of future fuel price volatility; and more power available to attract new businesses to our county.

If you were unable to attend either of these town meetings but would like a copy of the PowerPoint presentation, call (509) 773-7606.

### Project Partners

- Klickitat PUD
- Cowlitz PUD
- Tanner Electric
- Lakeview Light & Power ■



*Above, Elmer Sams, left, and Randy Knowles make a presentation to those attending a White Creek Wind Project town meeting hosted by KPUD. Below right, wind turbines under construction in Klickitat County.*

