

POWERful Photo Contest Winners

In June, Klickitat PUD launched a photo contest asking customers to show us their POWERful stories by submitting photos related to our theme of power.

Submissions ranged from stunning scenes featuring generation and transmission infrastructure to customers utilizing power for day-to-day activities. Photos entered through August 31 had a chance to win prizes and recognition during Public Power Week.

The photo contest received many amazing local submissions. One thing was abundantly clear: Klickitat County's local power infrastructure is photogenic.

Klickitat PUD thanks all photographers who submitted pictures. The intent was to provide a fresh, local approach to Klickitat PUD customer messaging and highlight our neighbors who capture beautiful pictures.

The winning photo—submitted by Michelle Bolton—is featured on this magazine's cover. The colors of the moon illuminate a BPA transmission structure. BPA transmission lines run the length of the county. In the background, you can see Klickitat PUD's distribution structures, which deliver electricity to customers.

Honorable mentions include:

- Brett Scarola for his submission of a wind turbine at a rural water trough.
- Downen Jones for his submission of an irrigation pivot and distribution lines sustaining local agriculture.
- Keelie Olsen for her photo of Windy Flats Wind Project, where the turbines spin against a gorgeous sunset.
- Linda Thorpe for her photo of Windy Flats Wind Project in the winter, with a layer of snow.
- Phillip McMillen for his aerial photo of the Willis Substation overlooking the Columbia River.
- Tim Clever for his photo of the White Creek Wind Project through an old barn at dusk.

KPUD is excited to continue to share your POWERful images with the community. Keep taking great photos, and be on the lookout for the next POWERful photo contest. ■

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP RIGHT: Downen Jones' photo of an irrigation pivot and distribution lines. Keelie Olsen's photo of Windy Flats Wind Project. Linda Thorpe's photo of Windy Flats Wind Project. Phillip McMillen's photo of the Willis Substation. Tim Clever's photo of the White Creek Wind Project. Brett Scarola's photo of a wind turbine.





October 3-9 is Public Power Week... and we have reason to celebrate!

Like more than 2,000 utilities across the country, we are powered by a community-owned, not-for-profit public power utility. During Public Power Week, we celebrate the benefits of living in a public power community including:

- Low rates
- High reliability
- Customer responsiveness
- Community focus
- Economic development
- Local control

Celebrate Public Power Week

Klickitat PUD is celebrating Public Power Week October 3 through October 9, along with more than 2,000 other community-powered, not-for-profit electric utilities that collectively provide electricity to 49 million Americans.

Klickitat PUD takes pride in being a public power utility that retains local control and decision-making capability. The local control at our board of commissioner level reinforces Klickitat PUD's vested interest in this community. As such, Klickitat PUD's mission statement is to provide safe, reliable, cost-based utility services at the lowest possible cost, consistent with sound business principles.

In previous years, KPUD celebrated Public Power Week by hosting customers at open house events at the Goldendale and White Salmon office locations. This year, due to COVID-19 concerns, Public Power Week is going virtual.

Klickitat PUD encourages customers to follow our Facebook page for the opportunity to enter our Public Power Week raffles. Following the page is also a great way to receive information about upcoming events, important announcements and outage updates. ■



New Demo Trailer

Klickitat PUD has acquired a demonstration trailer—instrumental in KPUD's commitment to educate the community, first responders and schools about the dangers of power lines. The demonstration trailer allows line crews to do safety demonstrations on-site.

KPUD borrowed a similar demonstration trailer from another utility for the 2019 Klickitat County Fair & Rodeo. The success of those demonstrations inspired KPUD to build its own trailer. The trailer was unveiled at the 2021 Klickitat County Fair & Rodeo.

KPUD linemen showed the danger of power lines at the Klickitat County Fair & Rodeo.