



Windstorm Cleanup

This transmission pole near Roosevelt was a casualty of the May 30 windstorm.
PHOTO BY MARK PRITCHARD

A severe windstorm blew through Klickitat County late in the afternoon on May 30.

Wind speeds in the upper 60s were reported by the National Weather Service's Storm Prediction Center.

Gusts from 80 to 100 mph were also reported.

Klickitat PUD customers experienced outages in pockets across the county. Approximately 3,600 customers were without power at some point. KPUD

crews were able to restore power to most customers by 9 a.m. May 31. Power to all customers was restored by 11 a.m.

Damage to both the transmission and distribution systems contributed to the outages. Damage to systems owned by Bonneville Power Administration, Big Horn Wind and Benton PUD delayed restoration of power for Klickitat PUD customers, as that damage impacted Klickitat PUD systems. ■

An important reminder to all customers of Klickitat PUD: Please call Klickitat PUD to report any power outages. This helps KPUD staff to pinpoint areas of an outage and respond to restore power more efficiently. Customers can call 800-548-8357 or 800-548-8358.



Klickitat PUD crew foreman Todd Niva surveys damage to distribution poles near Wishram. The May 30 windstorm took down 19 distribution poles in that area. Crews were able to restore power to customers and are working to repair the damage. PHOTO BY JESS BEIERLE



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ATTENTION: SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS

Small businesses impacted by COVID-19 can **save up to \$600** on their electric bill. Discounts are available for store front (**a 50% discount**) and home-based (**a 30% discount**) businesses. For more information and to apply, please visit: <https://www.klickitatcounty.org/1193/Covid-19>.

PAST DUE BALANCES REQUIRE PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS - Call today to get set up.

If you are impacted by COVID-19, ask us about Operation Warm Heart - a neighbors helping neighbors program.



SMARTHUB: Make payment, set up auto pay, submit meter reads, request payment arrangement, and submit inquiries.



PAY-BY-PHONE: Make payment, set up auto pay, and submit meter reads. **Call (888) 255-5303.**



CALL-IN: Please have patience as staffing may be limited. **Goldendale (509) 773-5891 | (800) 548-8357; White Salmon (509) 493-2255 | (800) 548-8358**