



Come Help Us Celebrate

On Thursday, May 8, we are going to dedicate the White Creek Wind Project near Roosevelt. Klickitat PUD was one of four public power companies to develop this project. The others were Cowlitz County PUD in Longview, Lakeview Power and Light in Lakewood near Tacoma, and Tanner Electric Cooperative in North Bend.

The White Creek Wind Project is the largest wind project ever developed by public power. Klickitat PUD is proud not only to be a 26-percent owner of the output, but also the host utility.

Even though construction officially was completed last November, we decided to wait until May 8 to have the official dedication—more wind and fewer cars to pull from the mud.

Development of White Creek was motivated by Bonneville Power Administration allocation and Washington state's Renewable Portfolio Standard. It's no secret that most Northwest public utilities need to identify new wholesale sources to meet their future load growth. Renewable sources such as White Creek are the preferred resources for meeting this need.

The White Creek project consists of 89 2.3-megawatt Siemens wind turbines, enough clean renewable electricity to light and heat 38,000 Northwest homes.

White Creek is on 9,500 acres of ranchland, near the town of Roosevelt. A Klickitat PUD substation was built, along with Bonneville Power Administration's new Rock Creek Substation. PUD line crews from Klickitat and Cowlitz assisted in transmission line construction.

Festivities for the dedication will begin at the site around 8:30 a.m. Tours will be given of one of the 415-foot turbines. The dedication ceremony will be at 10:30 a.m and will be followed by a lunch.

Give us a call if you would like to attend, and we will give you directions to get to the dedication site. Parking is tight, so carpooling is encouraged. This also saves the environment, not to mention the cost of gasoline.

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