



Schoolchildren from Goldendale plant Ponderosa pines for a local landowner.

## Native Plant, Tree Seedlings Available

Planting a tree is an act of hope, say the poets. With a bit of luck, a seedling you plant this year will shade future generations. By planting native-species trees—such as a Douglas fir, western red cedar or white oak—you could feed wildlife or improve land that your children will enjoy.

Trees and plants are investments with rewards, too. Consider native trees and shrubs for a variety of improvements, such as landscaping, reforestation after harvest, privacy hedges, pollinator habitat, wildlife enhancement and windbreaks.

It is time to place your order for native tree and shrub seedlings with your local conservation district. There are three local conservation districts in Klickitat County: Underwood (serving the west end, Trout Lake and Glenwood); Central Klickitat (including Lyle, High Prairie, Centerville and Goldendale); and Eastern Klickitat (east of Rock Creek).

Underwood Conservation District is accepting orders until March 2. All orders are available for pickup Friday, March 20, and Saturday, March 21, in Bingen. To view a list of the available species and order online, visit the UCD website, [www.ucdwa.org/ucd-programs/ucd-plant-sale](http://www.ucdwa.org/ucd-programs/ucd-plant-sale).

Eastern and Central Klickitat conservation districts are accepting orders until Friday, March 20. There is a new delivery location this year. Seedling pickup is Saturday, March 28, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Goldendale Grange Hall, 228 E. Darland St. A catalog with ordering information and a list of the 50 available species are available online at [www.ekcd.org](http://www.ekcd.org) and [www.ckcd.org](http://www.ckcd.org),

at the Goldendale Farm store or can be mailed upon request.

Eastern and Central Klickitat conservation districts accept debit and credit card payments. For more information and to order, contact the conservation district office at (509) 773-5823 ext. 5, or email [cdooffice@gorge.net](mailto:cdooffice@gorge.net).

Prices vary depending on species, but most seedlings cost about \$1.25 each. There are significant discounts for orders of 200 or more trees of the same species. Quantities are limited, so order early for the best selection.

Conservation districts help landowners enhance and protect natural resources on their properties on a voluntary basis. This includes assistance such as stewardship plans with advice on forest planting and thinning, water and soil protection, improving wildlife habitat and reducing wildfire hazards. Districts also can help arrange for cost-share assistance with projects for improving and protecting natural resources. Like other conservation districts, those in Klickitat County are not-for-profit, non-regulatory agencies overseen by elected boards of local residents.

For more information about UCD, visit the agency's website at [www.ucdwa.org](http://www.ucdwa.org), call (509) 493-1936 or stop by the office in the Park Center Building at 170 NW Lincoln St., White Salmon. Central and Eastern Klickitat are in the same building: 1107 S. Columbus Ave., Goldendale. Call (509) 773-5823 ext. 5, or go to [www.ckcd.org](http://www.ckcd.org) and [www.ekcd.org](http://www.ekcd.org). ■



## Our Meter Readers Need Your Help

To make sure we obtain accurate readings of your electric and/or water meters for billing purposes, we need your help in keeping the area free of debris. Here are some simple tips to help maintain free access to your meters.

- Keep the area around the meters—as well as the pathway to the meter—trimmed or mowed.
- If it snows, shovel a pathway to the meters and around the meter area.
- Keep pets away from the meter area and pathway.
- Do not park vehicles or store materials on top of your water meter.
- Provide us with a key if you have a locked gate.
- Make sure your address is visible for easy location of your home.

Remember, if you can't get to your meters, neither can we!

For more information, call the Goldendale office, (509) 773-5891 or (800) 548-8357, or the White Salmon office, (509) 493-2255 or (800) 548-8358. ■

### Keep Your Contact Information Current

Occasionally, a situation arises and KPUD needs to get in touch with you. For example, there are times we need to shut off your power for a planned outage. We attempt to contact each and every affected customer. Or we may notice an issue with your meter reading that could result in an inaccurate bill.

We hope to provide you with a high level of service and inform you of issues such as these. However, if we do not have your current contact information, we may not be able to reach you.

If you believe KPUD may not have your current phone number, mailing address or email address, please give us a call or login to your account online and update this information. This will help us better serve you.

For more information, call (800) 548-8357 or (509) 773-5891, or go to [www.klickitapud.com](http://www.klickitapud.com).

#### January 2015

- 1—New Year's Day; KPUD offices are closed
- 3—Lyle Lions First Saturday breakfast, 7 to 10 a.m., Lyle Lions Community Center
- 3-4—Rose City Gun and Knife Show, Expo Center, Portland
- 7-11—Portland Boat Show, Expo Center, Portland
- 13—Klickitat PUD Board of Commissioners' meeting, 2 p.m., Goldendale
- 14-15—Monster Jam, Moda Center, Portland
- 16—Disney Junior Live "Pirate & Princess Adventure," Moda Center, Portland
- 16-18—Annual Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show, TRAC Center, Pasco
- 23-24—Family Expo, TRAC Center, Pasco
- 24-25—KidFest! Whoop It Up Winter Weekend and SportsFest, Expo Center, Portland
- 25—Disney Junior Live "Pirate & Princess Adventure," Toyota Center, Kennewick
- 27—Klickitat PUD Board of Commissioners' meeting, 2 p.m., Goldendale
- 31—Gun and Antique Show, TRAC Center, Pasco

#### February

- 1—Gun and Antique Show, TRAC Center, Pasco
- 4-8—Pacific NW Sportsmen's Show, Expo Center, Portland
- 8—Portland Renovation and Landscaping Show, Memorial Coliseum
- 8—Timber and Job Festival, Clatsop County Fairgrounds, Astoria, Oregon
- 8—Northwest Family and Kids Festival, Washington County Fair Complex, Hillsboro, Oregon
- 12—Eastern Klickitat Conservation District Irrigator's Meeting, Alder Creek Grange Hall, 304 E. Market St., Bickleton
- 14—Valentine's Day with Smokey Robinson, 7:30 p.m., Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, Portland
- 17—Central Klickitat Conservation District Irrigator's Meeting, Goldendale Grange Hall, 228 E. Darland St.

