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PUD Partners with Tribe to Amend Box Canyon License

PUD, Tribe focused on establishing better conservation outcomes for the community

On October 2, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved an amendment to its current FERC license for the Box Canyon Dam project that included partnering with the Kalispel Tribe of Indians. The amendment focuses on establishing better conservation outcomes for the lower Pend Oreille River Basin. The previous license requirements included construction of a upstream fish passage at Box and upstream and downstream passages at Calispell Creek. With the new amendment, in place of fish passages, the PUD will provide funding to the Tribe to establish watershed and conservation programs that will be regularly monitored by the PUD. This path allows both parties to work together and focus their efforts on current needs in an effective and financially responsible way for a better conservation outcome. The amendment also focuses on water quality issues in the Pend Oreille River and Calispell Creek. Current financial projections show a savings of more than \$60 million to customers over the duration of the license. A detailed FAQ page and the amendment are located on the PUD website homepage for viewing (popud.org).



Construction of the Upstream Fish Passage at Box Canyon Dam



Public Power Week

During Public Power Week we got to hang out with some really smart Kindergarteners and Preschoolers from Selkirk, Bess Herian and Stratton Elementary Schools. We talked about the importance of electrical safety and what it takes to be a POPUD lineman.



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Planning ahead to prevent a headache later

Pipes that freeze most frequently are those that are exposed to severe cold, outdoor hose bibs, water sprinkler lines and water supply pipes in unheated interior areas. Prevent the headache of dealing with frozen water pipes by following these recommendations:

- Remove, drain and store hoses used outdoors. Open outside hose bibs to allow the water to drain and keep the outside valve open, so any remaining water in the pipe can expand without causing a pipe to freeze.
- Drain water from sprinkler supply lines.
- If your water supply lines are located in the garage consider keeping your garage doors closed during cold weather.
- Allow the warmer air into your cabinets that may have lines (under the kitchen and bathroom sinks) by opening their doors.
- During very cold weather, let the cold water trickle from the faucet.

Heating Your Home in the Winter... Safely

Space Heaters

- Never plug a space heater into a power strip.
- Make sure the outlet you are using is in good condition (no black marks) and fits in the socket snug (never use the outlet if it is loose)
- Double check your tip over switch before each use.
- Place your heater on a hard, durable surface. Setting your heater on shaggy carpet could start a fire.
- Never use cords that have bare or exposed strands.

Baseboard and Cadet Heaters

- With the power off, dust or vacuum out the baseboards. The dust built up over the summer months can cause a fire.
- Make sure curtains, blankets, furniture and other items are away from your baseboards to help prevent fires.

Furnace Heaters

- Make sure your vents are unplugged or open.
- Check to make sure there are no flammable materials around your vents.
- Clean or replace your filter monthly.
- Look to see if your cold air return is free and open.

TIPS TO SAVE MONEY THIS THANKSGIVING

- The larger the group, the lower the thermostat: More people means more generated heat. Don't be afraid to drop the thermostat a couple of degrees if you are expecting a large group of people.
- Keep your "lid-on" – Shorten up your cooking time by making sure your lids stay fitted and on to retain heat.
- Microwave it – Microwaves use less energy than your regular oven and usually take less time to cook.
- Open Wisely – Plan your fridge and freezer openings in advance. Grab all the items you need at once instead of opening it every time you need an item.
- Cool off – Allow your hot dishes and leftovers time to cool off before throwing them in the fridge or freezer.

**HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY
THANKSGIVING FROM
EVERYONE AT PEND OREILLE
PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT!**

HOLIDAY STRESS GOT YOU DOWN?

TAKE ONE ITEM OFF YOUR LIST BY ENROLLING IN AUTO-PAY. GIVE US A CALL OR LOGIN TO SMARTHUB TO SIGN UP AND FORGET ABOUT PAYING YOUR BILL ON TIME THIS HOLIDAY SEASON. SPEND MORE TIME DOING THE THINGS THAT MATTER MOST.



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