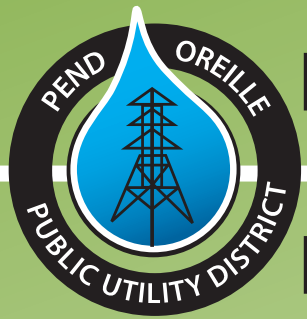


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YOUR PUD TAKING VEGETATION MANAGEMENT TO NEW HEIGHTS



services company that specializes in aerial vegetation management using advanced “heli-saw” technology.

The equipment consists of a large, 30-foot vertical saw suspended beneath a helicopter that is used to trim trees and branches along power line rights of way, especially in steep, remote, or difficult-to-access terrain. Heli-Dunn’s system can trim several miles of vegetation per day, dramatically reducing the time needed to complete work that would otherwise take traditional utility ground crews months or even years.

That speed matters.

Vegetation management is one of the most important parts of the PUD’s wildfire prevention and electric system reliability.

Trees growing too close to power lines can cause outages, damage infrastructure, and increase wildfire risk during hot, dry, and windy conditions.

Using aerial saw technology allows crews to work faster while also reducing exposure to dangerous terrain and hazardous climbing

conditions for employees.

The helicopters can safely reach areas where sending ground crews would be time-consuming, costly, or risky.

The helicopters used by Heli-Dunn are Airbus AS350 “AStar” helicopters, aircraft specifically designed for precision utility work in rugged terrain.

Throughout the summer, residents across the county may see or hear heli-saw operations near transmission and distribution lines as the PUD continues proactive and strategic vegetation management work. While the equipment may look dramatic, the goal is simple: improve safety, reduce wildfire risk, protect reliability, and complete critical maintenance more efficiently for customers.

For public safety, community members are asked to keep a safe distance from all heli-saw operations and follow any temporary traffic or access restrictions in work areas. Ground crews will be stationed below to help control access,

monitor safety conditions, and support the aerial operations.

By using modern technology to tackle large-scale vegetation management, your PUD is investing in a safer and more resilient electric system for the future.



If you see a helicopter carrying what looks like a giant flying saw over Pend Oreille County this summer, don’t be alarmed, it’s part of Pend Oreille PUD’s ongoing work to keep power lines safe and reliable ahead of wildfire season.

The PUD is partnering with Heli-Dunn, an Oregon-based helicopter

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Help Take the Surprise Out of Your Bill with Budget Billing

The PUD's Budget Billing program can help make monthly electric bills easier to manage by spreading energy costs more evenly throughout the year. Instead of seeing larger bills during the winter cold or summer heat, customers on Budget Billing pay a more consistent monthly amount.

Budget Billing works by averaging your annual electric costs to create a steady monthly payment. For example, if your yearly average comes out to around \$125 per month, that would generally be your monthly Budget Billing amount. If you use less electricity than expected, the extra amount becomes a credit. If you use more, the difference carries over and is balanced out over time.

The program is completely optional and is designed for customers who prefer more predictable monthly bills throughout the year.

To learn more or sign up, contact Pend Oreille PUD.



Delivering Clean, Reliable Water Across the County

In 2026, Pend Oreille PUD provided nearly 30 million gallons of clean water to about 600 customers through 9 individual water systems. Consumer Confidence Reports for Riverview, Metaline Falls, Riverbend, Sandy Shores, and Sunvale Acres Water Systems are now available. These reports provide important information about your water quality. Find your report on the PUD's website or call us at 509-447-3137 for more information.

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UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

Tue, June 2 - Newport
Tue, June 16 - Newport
Tue, June 30 - Ione
Thur, June 4 - Community Information Forum, Cutter Theatre in Metaline Falls

A New Way to Pay: Try PrePay Billing

Want more control over your electric bill? The PUD's new, optional PrePay Billing program gives customers a flexible way to track energy use and pay as they go. Instead of waiting for a monthly bill, PrePay customers can add funds to their account at any time and monitor their balance daily. It's a simple way to stay on top of energy usage, avoid surprises, and better manage household budgets.

Many customers like PrePay because it helps them become more aware of how much electricity they're using each day, especially during hot summers or cold winters when usage can change quickly.

There are no extra fees to participate, and customers still pay the same electric rates. The program is completely optional and designed to give customers another convenient billing choice that fits their needs. To learn more about PrePay Billing or sign up, contact Pend Oreille PUD today.

