PUD 3 Kicks Off a Multi-Year Project to Inspect and Test its Wood Poles

Aging poles that are deemed unsafe will be flagged for replacement

PUD 3 has approximately 30,000 wood poles in its system, each with about a 50-year lifespan depending on the application and environmental conditions. Vehicle collisions, insects, boggy soil, and even woodpeckers can reduce the life of a pole.

Over the next several years, the PUD will use a third-party expert to inspect every pole in our system. Some poles will only require a simple visual inspection, while others will require digging below the ground line and applying a treatment to extend the life of the pole. Aging poles that are deemed unsafe will be flagged for replacement.

The industry standard suggests inspecting each pole about every ten years. Overhead power lines are more economical to build and maintain and the process to restore an outage to overhead lines is faster and less expensive - keeping customer rates low. For the duration of the project, PUD personnel will take a holistic view of the entire system and search for other issues with equipment on and near poles.

PUD 3 has been recognized with the highest reliability ratings in the United States. We take pride in the ongoing maintenance of our entire distribution system. This project is a necessary step to ensure safe, reliable, economical, and sustainable services for our customers.

Commissioners:
Thomas J. Farmer, President
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PUD 3 is Ready for Spring!

Spring has sprung and projects are under way! Do your part to make sure trees and bushes are the appropriate distance from power lines, meters, and utility boxes and plant them in the right place. Remember, if you have plans to dig, call 811 the national call-before-you-dig number.

Visit www.pud3.org/trees to learn more about planting the right tree in the right place to keep limbs and shrubs away from electrical equipment.

Call Before You Dig

Before you reach for the shovel to start digging, remember to call 811, the national call-before-you-dig number.

Call 811 before any digging project, from simple landscaping projects such as planting trees or shrubs to building a deck or installing a mailbox. The process is simple & free.

Calling before you dig prevents damage to underground facilities, service interruptions and injury.
A Quick Request From PUD 3

During your Spring cleaning, remember to update your information with us. It’s important to have your phone number on file, whether it’s a land-line, mobile or both. Why? We need to be able to get in touch with you for a variety of reasons, including notification of suspicious activity on your account. It’s easy to do at my.pud3.org or on the SmartHub app! Thanks for helping us help you!

Budget Billing

Budget Billing is a great program if you want to know how much your monthly electric bill will be. Budget Billing simply estimates your yearly bill based on the past 12 months usage at the home, and then divides that amount into equal monthly payments over a 12 month period. Every May your Budget Amount is recalculated. It’s that simple!

If you are on Budget Billing, look for your new amount this May. If not, call today to sign up!

www.pud3.org/budgetbilling

WILL THEY RETURN?

After a traumatic end to a very exciting osprey year in 2020, we are hopeful our osprey family will return and try again!

Tune in to our Live Osprey Cams. They are up and running.

If you are not familiar with our osprey family you can read all about them by visiting our osprey page at: www.pud3.org/osprey

roundup For Project Share

Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

Round up your bill to the nearest dollar or choose a set dollar amount. Your extra change goes to Project Share, neighbors helping neighbors in need. Sign up today!

www.pud3.org/roundup
National Lineman Appreciation Day
April 18, 2021

National Lineman Appreciation Day is celebrated each year on April 18th and honors the hard work and dedication of Electrical Lineworkers. PUD 3 will join in on the celebration to honor the hard-working men and women who often work in challenging conditions to keep the lights on. We proudly recognize all electric linemen for the services they perform often in dangerous conditions to keep power flowing and protect the public’s safety.

To honor PUD 3 linemen, we invite you to take a moment to thank a lineman for the work they do. Use #thankalineman on social media to show your support for our crews or take a moment to drop a card of thanks in the mail.

“Connecting our community with safe, reliable, economical, and sustainable services, 24/7.”

PUD 3 offices will remain closed for the foreseeable future. We recognize the unique challenges some customers have in doing business remotely with the PUD. Many new services have been implemented to help make the process easier, such as the addition of payment kiosks in downtown Shelton and at the Belfair warehouse, electronic forms, and dual-language communications. We appreciate your patience as we continue our efforts to provide reliable services throughout Mason County.

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