

Winter's Fury

KPUD crews grapple with snow and ice to restore power after January storms



Winter unleashed its fury for seven days in January, bringing snow and ice that knocked out electricity to much of Klickitat County and required an epic response from Klickitat PUD and others to restore power. In addition to the KPUD crews, crews from Benton PUD, Franklin PUD, Cowlitz PUD and Clallam PUD, and one construction crew from Michels Power made repairs.

Opposite page, KPUD's Bernie Predeek flies over the Glenwood transmission line in a helicopter to patrol the line and determine the extent of the damage. KPUD crews could reach the line only by snowcat.

Above, damage on Dooley Road south of Centerville. Below, lineworkers from Clallam PUD replace broken poles on Dooley Road.

Right, top to bottom, KPUD Lineman Martin Taylor removes grounds that were put in place to work on the lines. Downed power lines and a tree's broken crown lying across power lines.

Read more about the January storms and KPUD's response on pages 8 and 32.

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