



**LEFT:** KPUD Buyer Andrew Jaekel. **RIGHT:** Jared Mooney, second from right, with, from left, his wife, Jennifer, and their children, Devin and Taylor.

# Klickitat PUD Fills Key Positions

Two friendly new faces joined KPUD in the back half of 2022. Join all of us at KPUD in saying hello to Andrew Jaekel and Jared Mooney.

## **Andrew Jaekel**

Andrew accepted the position of Klickitat PUD buyer in August 2022.

“In the buyer position, I’m fortunate to work with all the departments across the utility, coordinating the timely purchase and delivery of supplies, materials and equipment,” he says.

Andrew grew up in Centerville and graduated from Goldendale High School. He attended Wenatchee Valley Community College and then Lewis-Clark State College, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration.

After a long time away, Andrew and his family moved back to Goldendale in September 2021. Initially, he continued to work remotely for his previous employer, but he wanted to be part of the local workforce.

“I have always wanted to serve the community that has awarded me with so much,” Andrew says. “I am very grateful for this opportunity at Klickitat PUD.”

Andrew says he and his wife, Cahley, have a 7-year-old daughter and a 3-year-old son. Outside of work, he loves spending

time with family and friends, coaching his daughter’s sports teams, hunting, fishing, golf and just about anything else outdoors.

## **Jared Mooney**

Jared started at Klickitat PUD as a substation wireman in July 2022. Jared says his primary duty is to ensure substations distribute power. This includes maintenance, inspection and repair of KPUD substations.

Jared is a local to south-central Washington. He was raised in Selah, where he graduated from high school in 1999. After that, he became a wireworker apprentice with IBEW Local 112 & JATC in Kennewick. The inside wireman apprenticeship is a five-year program that requires 8,000 hours of on-the-job training and 2,000 classroom hours. He completed the apprenticeship in 2005.

Jared worked at Grant County PUD for 13 years as a hydro electrician on the utility’s two dams. His prior experience and knowledge are valuable additions to our meter shop.

When asked what prompted him to apply at KPUD, Jared says, “I needed a change of scenery and to work outdoors.”

Jared has been married to his wife Jennifer for 22 1/2 years. They have two children, Devin, 19, and Taylor, 17. They enjoy the outdoors—fishing, hunting, camping, dirt bikes and snow bikes. ■