

## Lake Howard Joins Construction Crew

Lake Howard was selected to fill the position of lineman for the Klickitat PUD construction crew September 22.

Lake has dedicated 10 years of service to Klickitat PUD and recently received his tenure pin. His first position was as a groundman on the construction crew, so he had some knowledge of what the new job entails before he accepted the position.

Once he was accepted into the Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee, Lake moved to an open apprentice lineman position on the Goldendale crew to gain the necessary hours of electrical experience.

He remained on the Goldendale crew throughout his apprenticeship and journeyman status.

Lake was ready for a new challenge when the journeyman lineman job opened up on the construction crew.

The construction crew was formed to work countywide and carry out larger projects, especially involving transmission work and “hot work,” which means the crew



*Lake Howard*

works on power lines while they are energized. This allows for electricity to stay on while the work is done.

Giving these projects to the construction crew allows more time for new services and maintenance work to be done by the Goldendale and White Salmon crews.

“He has a memory like a steel trap, he never forgets a thing,” says co-worker Martin Taylor. “He is a great addition to our crew and is a good team player. Plus, he keeps Mike Purdy in line.”

Lake enjoys the challenges of his new job and loves working with crewmen Martin, Rob and Mike. ■

## Jason Anthony is New Lineman on Goldendale Crew

Jason Anthony joined Klickitat PUD on November 1 as a journeyman lineman on the Goldendale crew. Jason has been a journeyman lineman for four years. He comes to KPUD from Hawkeye Construction, where he worked on wind generation.

Jason began his linework career with the construction industry. He started for Mountain States Line Constructors, which covers seven states and included extensive traveling. Jason says he has tramped all

over the West Coast and Canada, working on everything from new services to storm recovery, which included the damage done by Hurricanes Rita and Katrina.

While he originally was interested in being an electrician when he graduated from high school, Jason says the electrician apprenticeship bored him. So he went to his local union hall and began his adventure with Mountain States as a groundman.

Jason grew up in northeast Colorado near the Wyoming border, so he feels at home here with the mountains, open space and fresh air.



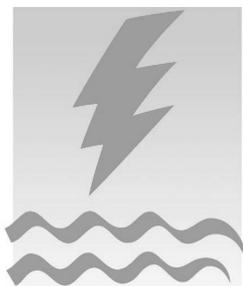
*Jason Anthony*

He and his wife, Corinna, have made Goldendale their home for the past few years while Jason worked as a temporary lineman for the Bonneville Power Administration, and then closer to home with Hawkeye Construction.

Jason says he looks forward to the slower pace this job offers him so he can spend more time at home with Corinna and start the small farm he has always wanted. He plans to add a few cows and sheep to the three dogs that currently run the roost.

In his spare time, Jason enjoys playing blues, blues rock and Christian music, and he has picked up the new hobby of surfing, which he enjoyed on a recent vacation to Hawaii.

Congratulations and good luck to Jason on his new position at KPUD. ■



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