

Longtime KPUD Employees Promoted

Recently, Klickitat PUD's Operations Department has seen a few changes.

Jeff Thayer was named operations manager, effective April 1. Bob Fitzsimmons was promoted to line superintendent, effective April 16.

Jeff has worked for KPUD since 2002. He brings a wide array of knowledge



with him to his position. During his tenure at KPUD Jeff has served as staking engineer and line superintendent. Previous employment includes 14

years at the Columbia Gorge/Goldendale Aluminum Co.

Bob was hired in 2001 as the serviceman for the Goldendale service territory. Bob has been a journeyman lineman for more than 40 years and is excited to use his extensive knowledge of line work in a



Jeff Thayer, left, is KPUD's new operations manager. Bob Fitzsimmons is KPUD's new line superintendent.

new capacity.

Bob and Jeff make a great team. They are responsible for coordinating and directing the construction, operation and

maintenance activities related to KPUD's transmission, distribution and metering.

Please join KPUD in congratulating Jeff and Bob on their new endeavors. ■

State Requires Permit for Electrical Wiring Jobs

Are you a do-it-yourselfer? Don't forget the electrical permit.

According to the Consumer Products Safety Commission, about 18,200 home fires are caused by electrical wiring each year, resulting in about 120 deaths, 520 injuries and \$450 million in property damage.

Protect your family and your property.

- An electrical permit is required.

Washington state electrical safety laws require a permit and inspection for all new and additional electrical work.

- An electrical permit and professional inspection assures that your electrical work meets current safety code.
- Do electrical work only if you are qualified. If you do not have a clear

understanding of electrical wiring and are not qualified, hire a licensed electrical contractor.

- If you do your own electrical work, you must buy the permit and call for an inspection.
- If you hire a licensed electrical contractor, your contractor must buy the permit and will get the inspection.
- Never overload outlets, extension cords or electrical circuits. If your circuit breaker trips, either it is overloaded or a circuit has malfunctioned and should be inspected by a qualified person.
- Keep your permit and inspection approval in a safe place for future reference. You may need it when trying to sell or refinance your home or to

Learn More

For more information, to purchase an electrical permit or request an electrical inspection, go to www.electricalprogram.lni.wa.gov or call the nearest office of the state Department of Labor and Industries:

- ▶ Vancouver: (360) 896-2300
- ▶ Kennewick: (509) 735-0100
- ▶ Yakima: (509) 454-3700

get insurance.

Remember: The surest way to safeguard your home is with an electrical permit and inspection. Lives depend on it. ■