

Two Linemen Joined KPUD in July

Justen Greenwood

Klickitat PUD welcomed Justen Greenwood to the utility July 16. Justen joined KPUD as a journeyman lineman for the White Salmon crew.

Justen was born and raised in Sherman County, Oregon, where he grew up farming and playing sports throughout his school years.

In 1997, he started his lineman apprenticeship and served it in the construction industry, accumulating his hours and experience throughout Oregon and Washington.

Most recently, Justen had been in the Seattle area for work, and is ready to be back living and working in a small town.

"I am really enjoying working here," Justen says. "All the guys have been great to work with. The crews in Goldendale and here in White Salmon. I hope they decide to keep me around."

Justen and his wife, Angie, have two boys: Jace, 6, and Danner, 4. When he is not working, Justen enjoys spending time with his family, and fishing and hunting. He is already teaching his boys the tricks of the trade, and takes them shooting and into the great outdoors as much as possible.

Angie is originally from the White Salmon area, and her whole family—grandparents included—are excited to have them closer.

"Justen is a great fit for our White Salmon team," says Jeff Thayer, KPUD operations manager. "We are proud to welcome him aboard."

Please join KPUD in extending our congratulations to Justen and family and welcoming them to the White Salmon community. ■



Todd Niva

One-time Goldendale resident Todd Niva has moved back and joined Klickitat PUD. His first day of work was July 1, when he joined the Goldendale crew as a journeyman lineman.

Todd was raised in Goldendale until the fifth grade, when his family moved to Spokane. Todd graduated from high school in Spokane and moved to Alaska, where his dad worked as a journeyman lineman. While in Alaska, Todd was exposed to the lineman trade by his dad and decided that one day he would follow in his footsteps.

From his first stint in Alaska, Todd moved back to Goldendale briefly, farmed for a few years, then worked as a truck driver, delivering dynamite powder to mines across Nevada. While traveling throughout Nevada, Todd met his wife, Lori. In 1992, they moved to Anchorage, Alaska, so he could begin his career in line work.

Todd topped out as journeyman in 1998, gaining his hours and experience throughout Alaska in the construction industry. He comes to KPUD from Matanuska Electric Association, Alaska's oldest and second-largest electric cooperative, where he was employed for five years as a lineman.

"Todd has a great work ethic and a positive attitude," says Bob Fitzsimmons, KPUD line superintendent. "He's a great addition."

Todd and Lori have two children: Aaron, 18, and Carlye, 15. Both attend Goldendale High School and are avid hockey players. They make the trip to Vancouver, Washington, to play on the Evergreen High School hockey team in Vancouver. Todd and his family also enjoy camping, backpacking and fishing, especially for salmon.

Please join us in welcoming Todd and his family to Goldendale and KPUD. ■

