



## **PUD/Forest Service Seek Comment on Methow Transmission Project EIS**

The Okanogan County Public Utility District No. 1 (PUD) and the USDA Forest Service (Forest Service) announce the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Methow Transmission Project, which evaluates alternatives to provide reliable electric power to the Methow Valley and improve electric distribution to customers in the lower Methow Valley.

Written comments on the Draft EIS should be postmarked or e-mailed to one of the following addresses no later than **March 15, 2005**: Jan Flatten, Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forests Environmental Coordinator, 1240 Second Avenue South, Okanogan, WA 98840 ([jflatten@fs.fed.us](mailto:jflatten@fs.fed.us)), or Dan Boettger, Project Manager, Okanogan County Public Utility District No. 1, P.O. Box 912, Okanogan, WA 98840 ([dan\\_b@okpud.org](mailto:dan_b@okpud.org)).

Follow this link to view a copy of the [Draft EIS](#). Copies are also available for viewing at local PUD offices, and the following local libraries: Brewster Public Library, Okanogan Public Library, Omak Public Library, Pateros Public Library, Twisp Public Library, Tonasket Public Library and Oroville Public Library.

The Forest Service and PUD plan to hold two public hearings on the Draft EIS. The first is to be held at 6:00 p.m., on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Okanogan PUD Auditorium, 1331 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North, Okanogan. The second hearing is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., on February 24<sup>th</sup> at Liberty Bell Jr.-Sr. High School, 24 Twin-Lakes Road in Winthrop. Watch your local newspaper for meeting details or visit the PUD Web site.

We appreciate your participation in this project.