



PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF OKANOGAN COUNTY

## Okanogan PUD

### Public Service Announcement

July 19, 2014

Due to the fires in Okanogan County, the communities of Pateros, Carlton, Twisp and Winthrop along with outlying areas are currently without power. Like many of the homes, the electric system is almost a complete loss. Okanogan PUD personnel are currently working around the clock. However, the extent of the damage is so great that it could take several weeks before power will be restored.

**Our First Priority Is Safety.** The fire is still burning and our crews are supporting the efforts of the Emergency Service personnel working on the fire. Those individuals that are using small generation units are compromising the safety of utility and emergency service workers because the small generation units are not being installed properly and they are energizing electrical lines that should be de-energized.

**Before** you connect any generation unit to your house or premises, PLEASE CALL 509-422-3310.

**Restoring Service.** We are also assessing the damage and procuring the resources necessary to rebuild the electric system. We have crews from neighboring utilities and BPA mobilized and ready to assist us in our restoration efforts. However, we cannot begin until the fire is sufficiently contained.

Current updates will be posted on Okanogan PUD's website at [www.okanoganpud.org](http://www.okanoganpud.org).

Thank you for your patience and understanding.