



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Clatskanie PUD Starts Underground Conversions**

Clatskanie PUD (CPUD) announces that contractors have recently started on several projects around the area replacing deteriorating direct bury underground wire and converting overhead distribution wire to underground. Work started this week on Cedar Grove Road and will continue for a couple of more weeks. Crews also plan to upgrade the existing single phase distribution wire to 3-phase along the main distribution route. Approximately 100 customers in the Cedar Grove area will benefit from this work. Two other jobs lined up for contractors to eliminate bad overhead wire are on Olson Road and Bodine Road, areas known to be heavily-treed.

In order to get new conduit in the ground, the contractor will use three methods including trenching, plowing and boring. Customers can expect to see crews jumping from job to job, using the various types of method needed to make the conversion. This work is part of an ongoing effort of CPUD to improve reliability and capacity, which is budgeted for and part of the strategic plan of the District. If you have any questions about this work, please call the PUD (503) 728-2163.