

**PUD Warehouse Storekeeper, Jesse Bland with a shipment of transformers.**



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**The Homegrown Team Powering our County**

After a decade of electric service and growth the PUD continues to find talented employees from around the country and right here in our own backyard.

Expansion of services, from water to electric to broadband have led to multiple new opportunities and new positions over the last two years.

To meet the service offering growth requires expansion of fleet, facility, and warehouse resources. PUD Warehouse Storekeeper and Chimacum grad, Jesse Bland, helps ensure the utility has what it needs in-house for outages and utility projects. For Bland, joining the PUD has been a reunion of sorts. Born and raised on Marrowstone, Bland grew up alongside many of his PUD coworkers. "Having that background I think makes us all work really well professionally."

A new wave of utility growth is underway, centered around expansion of broadband service. The broadband team added 2 new jobs in December, with 2007 Chimacum grad Kyle Ammerman joining as Broadband IT Support Technician, and PT resident, Jackson Delagarza as Lead Network Technician. Countywide broadband service means new opportunities and new tech-based jobs.

The PUD also added a third line crew in 2023, reducing the need to outsource line work to contract crews during storm season. Keeping work in-house provides flexibility for line crews to build the PUD's pole-mounted fiber network, while also rapidly addressing service reliability projects like expansion of 3-phase power on 49th St. in PT. The expansion of the line crew meant four new positions, including line helper, Savanna Hoffmann.

Hoffmann, a 2022 graduate of PT high school, and recent line school grad joined the team in March of 2024. "I remember seeing the PUD at a local hiring event through the school," said Hoffmann.

Throughout the year PUD staff work with students and the community at events to help customers better understand how their utility works and to explore new positions. Student-centered tours and events focus on paid internship opportunities and professional jobs, post-graduation.



**Savanna Hoffmann joined the PUD in the line helper position.**

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# Internship Applications Now Open

Jefferson PUD offers paid summer internships for students looking to explore professional jobs in the utility field. Applications are open until filled.

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**Halie Jones**  
2023 Intern

**Glen Dawson**  
2022 Intern

**Leona Lee**  
2023 Intern

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## Another Clean Audit for JPU D

WA State Auditors determined the PUD complies with applicable state laws, regulations, and its own policies in all areas examined. Auditors reviewed records between Jan 1- Dec 31, 2022, using a risk-based approach centered on the procurement process, accounts receivable, accounts payable, open public meetings for compliance, and financial conditions.

Auditor staff reviewed PUD procurement policies and provided recommendations for updating internal processes. Auditor reports determined the PUD provided adequate controls over the safeguarding of public resources.

“The audit process is a great learning opportunity for the utility,” said PUD Finance Director Mike Bailey. “It helps us improve our processes and lets us share information with the Board and the public.”

All PUD financial and audit documents and meeting materials are available on our website under the records/data tab.

**Accountability audits focus on adherence to laws and policies. Financial audits look at financial statements and schedules.**

## Statewide Drought Declared

The WA State Dept of Ecology has declared a statewide drought emergency due to the low snowpack and a dry forecast for spring/summer of 2024. **As of mid-April, statewide snowpack sits at 68%.** In our backyard, the Olympic Mountains received lower still, with snowpack ~50% of normal.

Fortunately for the PUD, all of our water systems rely on lowland precipitation recharging groundwater, not on annual mountain snowpack. Precipitation in the form of rainfall and lowland snow percolates down into aquifers where it moves through and discharges to streams and then tidewater. In between, that water can be pumped and used by us. **Groundwater systems are naturally more resistant to short-term droughts than those dependent on surface water (snowpack).**

That said, the PUD takes drought declarations seriously. Our aquifers may be on a different cycle than systems supplied by snow melt (like the City of Port Townsend, and even the City of Seattle), but they are still impacted by drier conditions.

Remember, every drop counts! Check out our water conservation tips on [jeffpud.org/water-wisely](http://jeffpud.org/water-wisely).



## Jefferson Transit Survey

Our friends at Jefferson Transit want you to take a survey to help develop a Climate Action Plan that provides a roadmap toward reducing greenhouse gas emissions, promoting clean and efficient transit options, and enhancing our community's resilience to climate change impacts.

**Paper copy of survey available at the following locations:**

- Haines Place Transit Center (440 12th St, Port Townsend)
- Four Corners Park and Ride (63 Four Corners Rd, Port Townsend)

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