



2019 Annual Conference

The End of the Oregon Trail

September 25 - Pre-Conference
September 26 - Conference

The Dalles, OR

Hosted by Northern
Wasco County PUD

Maintaining the status quo is no longer enough. We, as energy providers, need to continue to evolve as the journey for all of us continues. What may have gotten us, or western explorers, to this point is not what will get us to 2050, or even to the not so distant future of 2021. We need to embrace the change and evolution of our society and embark on a new journey of transformation together.

Wednesday, September 25, 2019 **Pre-Conference Activities**

(A staff member will be in attendance at all Pre-Conference events.)

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Guided Historical Walking Tour of Downtown The Dalles – Free

Includes a guided tour of historic homes and buildings in downtown The Dalles and lunch at the historic Clock Tower. The tour includes viewing historic homes and buildings located between 1st and 6th Streets and Lincoln and Laughlin Streets. Participants will meet at The Dalles Area Chamber of Commerce, 404 W. 2nd Street, The Dalles, Oregon.

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Guided Tour of The Dalles Dam – Free

Includes a guided tour of The Dalles Dam located on the Columbia River and a boxed lunch at The Dalles Dam Park. Participants will meet at 9:45 a.m. at Northern Wasco County People's Utility District (2345 River Road, The Dalles, OR) to be shuttled to The Dalles Dam. (Participants will need to provide their full names, phone numbers, and citizenship information at time of registration.)

10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Blown Glass Session at Nichols Art Glass Studio – \$30

Participants will blow their own one-of-a-kind glass ornament at Nichols Art Glass Studio, (912 W. 6th Street, The Dalles, Oregon.) Participation is limited to 20 individuals. Each participant will have 30 minutes to blow an ornament. Time slots will be assigned. Ornaments can be picked up on Thursday, September 26th. Contact information at time of registration is required.

Wednesday, September 25, 2019 *(continued)* **Pre-Conference Activities**

2 – 3:30 p.m. Wine Tasting at Sunshine Mill Winery

Participants, at their own expense, can taste wine at the historic Sunshine Mill Winery (901 E. 2nd Street, The Dalles, OR.) Appetizers will be provided. Transportation will be provided, if needed.

5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Welcoming Reception at the National Neon Sign Museum

(200 E. Third Street, The Dalles, OR 97058)

Transportation will be provided to and from the event from Fairfield Inn & Suites and Cousins Country Inn. The bus will be on-site at the Fairfield beginning at 4:45 p.m. for guests to begin loading between 4:45 p.m. – 5:05 p.m. The bus will then pick up guests at Cousins Country Inn directly off Ash Street shortly after 5:05 p.m. The bus will return to the hotel by 5:30 p.m. for a second trip, if necessary. The bus will return guests to the Fairfield Inn & Suites and Cousins Country Inn beginning at 6:30 p.m., first round for those wishing to leave early, and at 7:30 p.m., or shortly thereafter, for the final group.

(Please note: The National Neon Sign Museum is handicap accessible on the main floor only. Notification is needed if the handicapped ramp is required.)

Conference registration will be available on Wednesday at the Fairfield Inn & Suites from 4-6 p.m. and Thursday morning at the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center.

Thursday, September 26, 2019 **Conference - Columbia Gorge Discovery Center**

A bus will be available to pick up guests from the Fairfield Inn & Suites and Cousins Country Inn to transport participants to the conference location at the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center. The bus will leave the Fairfield Inn by no later than 7 a.m. and will pick up any guests at Cousins Country Inn by no later than 7:05 a.m. The bus will return to hotels for another pickup by 7:30 a.m.

7 – 8 a.m. Conference Registration - Lobby
Continental Breakfast – Basalt Rock Cafe

8:00 a.m. Introduction & Housekeeping Items

8:15 a.m. Rock Solid Award Presentation

8:30 a.m. Public Power Council - Scott Simms

Scott Simms will share his thoughts on PPC's role in ensuring BPA remains our provider of choice going forward. Where influence can be placed and what legislation can (or should) be changed to benefit the region.

9:30 a.m. Northwest Public Power Association – Elaine Dixon

As the region's primary Public Power training resource, Elaine Dixon will discuss what she views as our barriers and enablers to attracting and retaining best-in-class employees. She will review common skill gaps and discuss what local policy makers can do to ensure their executive teams and organizations are resourced appropriately in order to continue to be relevant electric service providers.

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. Northwest RiverPartners – Kurt Miller

Kurt Miller will share the vision and direction of Northwest RiverPartners and share how we, as a regional community, can best communicate the benefits of the FCRPS. It's about more than hydropower and we are not the primary audience who needs engagement.

11:45 a.m. Lunch Buffet - River Gallery

12:30 p.m. Doing Business with Public Power & NWCPUD - Dr. Ted Valkov

Dr. Ted Valkov with Amity Labs will share his knowledge and information from a newer technology space. He will talk about how and why this industry matches with our region and community.

1:15 p.m. Agriculture and Energy Conservation - Robert Wallace

Robert Wallace with WyEast RCD will share his knowledge and information from the agricultural space and how it has evolved to improve energy conservation and agriculture results across the region in concert with public power.

2:00 p.m. Bonneville Power Administration – Dan James

Dan James, Deputy Administrator with BPA, will share updates and his thoughts on BPA as an energy supplier for the future.

2:45 p.m. Break

3:00 p.m. Northwest Requirements Utilities – John Francisco

John Francisco with Northwest Requirements Utilities will share his view on NRU, NEMS, and the other N-orgs going forward. He will discuss how what attendees have learned from today's sessions can help shape energy policy at both the local and regional level.

3:45 p.m. Keynote Address – Representative Daniel Bonham (R) - The Dalles, OR

Representative Bonham will provide the Keynote Address from a State Policy perspective and discuss how providers of cost-based, environmentally-responsible, locally-controlled, electric service are best positioned for any upcoming changes to Oregon policy.

4:00 p.m. Conference concludes



4:15 p.m. Shuttle bus

You need to have reserved your shuttle transportation in advance during conference registration. The shuttle bus will transport guests to and from Cascade Locks, OR for the President's Gala.

5 – 8 p.m. President's Gala – Columbia Gorge Sternwheeler
(299 NW Portage Road, Cascade Locks, OR 97014)

Guest boarding will be at 5 p.m. The cruise will be from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. (No host alcohol bar)

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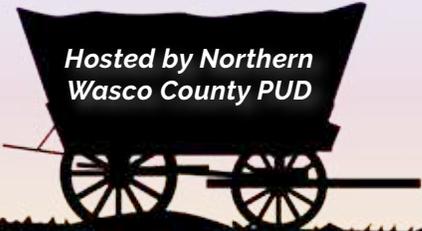
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