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Our Wind Cooperative Celebrates 10th Small Wind Installation

Our Wind Cooperative is pleased to announce the addition of its 10th member, Steve Anderson, a White Salmon, WA landowner who recently installed a 10kW Bergey wind turbine. Steve's turbine marks the completion of the co-op's initial goal to assist 10 landowners across the Northwest to install small wind turbines, offsetting their electricity use.

Our Wind Co-op was established in 2003 to foster growth in small-scale, distributed wind power in the Northwest. Since 2003 Our Wind Co-op has been instrumental in the installation of 10 turbines in Montana and Washington State. Steve's turbine, the 10th to join the Our Wind Co-op, is a milestone. "We are extremely excited about our members' contribution to clean, renewable energy in the Northwest. Our experiences leading up to this momentous event provide a model for future small-scale, distributed renewable energy projects here in the Northwest." said Jennifer Grove, Program Director at Northwest Sustainable Energy for Economic Development (Northwest SEED).

Steve's small wind turbine was erected and began producing electricity on the 5th of September. The small wind system's output will help serve Steve's residential electric load. When the system's output exceeds the home's electric demand, the excess energy will be delivered to Klickitat County's electric grid. Energy returned to the grid will be credited to Anderson's account. Steve will also be able to sell green tags representing the environmental benefits of producing electricity from renewable energy. The green tags will be sold through Our Wind Cooperative to Puget Sound Energy.



Steve's reasons for participating in the Co-op stem from his longstanding interest in the environment. "I really enjoy being a part of anything that will enhance and improve our environment both now and in the future. As owner of Anderson Environmental Contracting, LLC, I practice "environmental conservation" for a living, so generating power for my own use with the wind just makes a lot of sense!"

Our Wind Co-op turbines have collectively generated 145,776 kWh to date. This amounts to approximately 102 tons of CO2 emissions displaced. Beyond producing clean electricity, Our Wind Co-op has collected valuable performance metrics and demonstrated how the cooperative business model can be applied to distributed generation. For more information on Our Wind Co-op, including details on each member's turbine, visit www.ourwind.org.

Our Wind Co-op's success indicates that the prospect for future small wind energy projects in the Northwest looks bright. Northwest SEED and partners are currently working on expanding small wind opportunities in Oregon and will be launching a new website that will provide information and resources to advance the development of community based renewable energy and energy efficiency projects in the Pacific Northwest. To learn more about these projects, please visit www.nwseed.org.