



Managing Utility Overhead Assets in a Changing Environment

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Electric utilities everywhere face unprecedented challenges... grid resilience and expansion; energy equity, transportation electrification, demands for uninterrupted power from the public and to drive commerce, emerging technologies, long term storage and microgrids, and decarbonization. The list goes on. For utilities in the Pacific Northwest these challenges are compounded by characteristics unique to the region: rugged terrain, greater wildfire threats, vast distances, frequent wildlife interactions. While management grapples with big picture issues, **Engineering & Operations teams** are left to keep the lights on.

This conference is for you.

- **Industry updates: wood, steel, fiberglass, iron**
- **Wildlife management**
- **Best practices for pole inspection and remediation**
- **Hardening systems and practices – lessons learned**
- **Wildfire science and strategies to improve fire resiliency**
- **Managing joint use to ensure long service life**
- **Data management and analysis strategies**
- **Utility issues roundtable discussion**

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Early Bird only

\$260**

**Early Bird pricing available for a limited time
after which registration fee becomes \$360.

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Day One – Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2024

- 9:00 am Welcome
Dr. Gerald Presley, OSU
- 9:15 Keynote – *Speaker TBD*
- 10:00 Wood Pole Industry Update
Kyle Cassidy, Stella-Jones, WWPI Utility Pole Committee Chair
- 11:15 Steel, Fiberglass and Iron Poles and Crossarms
Paul Ringenberg, EDM International
- Noon Lunch
- 1:00 pm Steel Pole Inspection and Remediation
Hank Foley, Osmose Utility Services
- 1:45 Wood Pole Inspection
Andy Kudick, Intec Services
- 2:30 Data Management and Analysis
Chad Newton, Osmose Utility Services
- 3:45 Wildlife Management in the PNW
Von Pope, Chelan PUD
- 4:30 Reception (drinks and appetizers)

Day Two – Thursday, Nov. 14, 2024

- 8:00 am Fire Management and Wildfire Science
Drs. John Bailey and Gerald Presley, OSU
- 9:00 System Hardening Strategies
Joe Potvin, Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI)
- 9:45 Joint Use Issues for Maintaining Long Service Life
Aimee Foster and Scott Ziska, Portland General Electric
- 11:00 Utility Issues Roundtable
Moderator: Dr. Gerald Presley, OSU
Panelists: Jeff Carlson, Consumers Power Inc.; Joe Koch, Clark County PUD; Kevin Scheidler, PacificCorp; TBA, Idaho Power
- Noon Grab-n-Go Lunch
- 12:30 pm OSU Utility Pole Research Cooperative Annual Meeting
All conference attendees invited
- 3:15 Adjourn

Conference Venue

The Evergreen is an independent event space located at 618 SE Alder St. in Portland's vibrant Central Eastside.

Several hotels are located within a few miles of the venue, including a few within easy walking distance. The area is served by public transportation, including the Portland Street Car. Parking is available at surface lots located a short walk from the venue or use metered street parking.

For information about the area visit travelportland.com/neighborhoods/central-eastside/.

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