



Board of County Commissioners
Board Work Session
Wednesday, May 1, 2024
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
3000 Pacific Avenue SE, Room 110

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AGENDA

- I. **Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Council Bylaws** – *Discussion*
- II. **Puget Sound Energy (PSE) Public Safety Power Shutoff & Thurston County's Ready. Set. Go. Initiative** – *Informational*
- III. **Commissioners Items** – *Discussion*

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***THURSTON COUNTY MEDIC ONE
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Amended May 21, 2024

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PSE's Wildfire Program

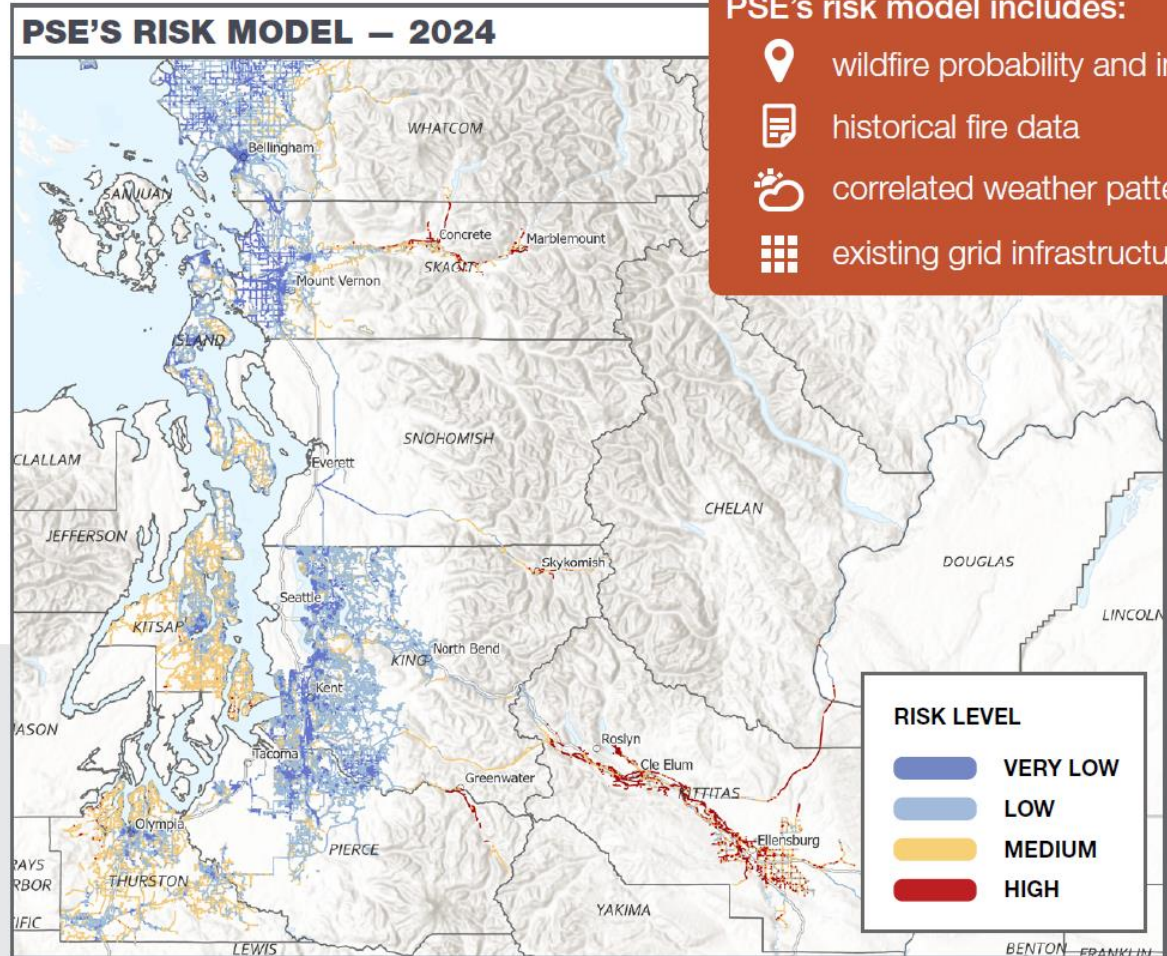
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Program elements

- ◆ **Situational awareness:** Evaluating the condition of the electric system and the environment around it
- ◆ **Grid hardening investments:** Regular maintenance and improvement activities that will further reduce the risk of wildfire
- ◆ **Operational procedures:** Prevention measures and response activities for the operation of our electric system during periods of elevated wildfire risk
- ◆ **Community engagement:** Keeping customers and impacted communities engaged in our program and providing timely communications

PSE's risk model



PSE's risk model helps us determine where to:

- ◆ focus investments for grid hardening projects to reduce risk
- ◆ establish additional situational awareness tools like weather stations
- ◆ utilize operational procedures, such as Enhanced Powerline Settings or Public Safety Power Shutoffs, during critical fire weather conditions



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Operational procedures to reduce risk

- ◆ Temporarily pausing work
- ◆ Enhanced Powerline Settings (EPS)
- ◆ Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS)

WEATHER CONDITIONS THAT INCREASE WILDFIRE RISK



**STRONG
WINDS**



**VERY DRY
VEGETATION**



**LOW
HUMIDITY**

Outages during fire season

	REACTIVE DE-ENERGIZATION	ENHANCED POWER LINE SETTINGS (EPS)	PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUT-OFF (PSPS)
WHAT	PSE turns off power lines at the request of emergency officials during an active wildfire.	Power lines automatically turn off when they sense a potential hazard touching the line.	PSE turns off power lines when wildfire weather conditions reach critical levels.
WHY	To keep emergency responders safe	To help prevent a wildfire	To help prevent a wildfire
HOW LONG WILL THE OUTAGE LAST?	Several hours or days, depending on the fire	Several hours, until lines are inspected and restored	Up to several days, depending on the weather and restoration needs
WILL I BE NOTIFIED IN ADVANCE?	No	No	Yes
WILL I GET UPDATES?	Yes PSE will update outage map and share ETRs.	Yes PSE will update outage map and share ETRs.	Yes PSE will send customer updates, update outage map, and share ETRs.



Public Safety Power Shutoff

- ◆ A PSPS temporarily shuts off power lines during extreme fire risk weather conditions to help **prevent wildfires** from starting.
- ◆ It is a **measure of last resort** to keep you and your community safe.
- ◆ PSE will **communicate with impacted customers** in advance of and during a PSPS.



PSPS: what to expect



Goal: 2 days notice
before a PSPS outage



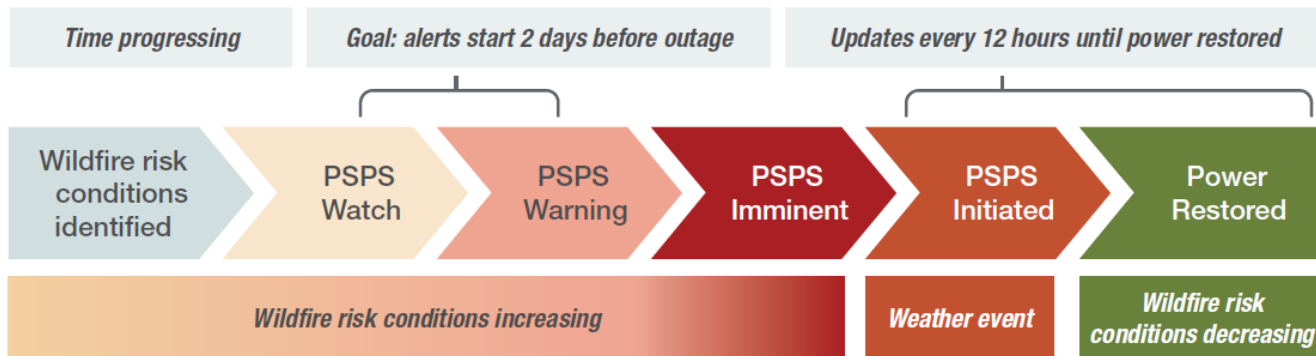
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email updates, based on
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Medical Life Support
customers receive
enhanced communications



Keep up-to-date at pse.com/outagemap, with or
without an account!



Restoration after PSPS

We will only restore power when it is safe to do so – after the weather has passed and crews can inspect the impacted power lines and make any needed repairs.

This could take **several days** if damaging winds occur, and we want you to be prepared.



Weather “all clear”: Crews begin line patrols and damage assessments once the high-risk weather conditions have passed.



Patrol and inspect: As our field teams gain boots-on-the-ground visibility, we add and update estimated times of restoration (ETRs) on the outage map.



Repair and restore: Once repairs have been made, and it is safe to do so, PSE will restore power to customers.



Preparing for PSPS



Make sure your PSE account **contact information is up to date** at pse.com or by calling 1-888-225-5773.



Learn more about our **Medical Life Support** designation and sign up if you qualify.



Create and practice an **emergency plan** and build an emergency kit.



Visit pse.com/wildfire to learn more about how you can prepare for wildfire season.



Wildfire open houses

Learn more about how PSE is addressing wildfire risk, the Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS), and steps you can take to prepare!

Cle Elum: Tuesday, April 30, 4:30 – 6:30 pm, Upper Kittitas Senior Center

Kittitas: Thursday, May 2, 4:30 – 6:30 pm, Kittitas Community Center

Concrete: Tuesday, May 7, 4:30 – 6:30 pm, Concrete Community Center

Skykomish: Thursday, May 9, 4:30 – 6:30 pm, Skykomish Gymnasium

Vashon: Tuesday, May 14, 4:30 – 6:30 pm, Vashon Center for the Arts

Greenwater: Thursday, May 16, 4:30 – 6:30 pm, Greenwater Community Center

W. Thurston: Tuesday, May 21, 4:30 – 6:30 pm, Griffin Fire Department

Online: Visit our self-paced online open house April 30 – June 30 at www.pse.com/wildfire



Questions?

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