

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 1, 2010

(number of pages 2)

### **Getty's Cove Closed for 2010 Season Property Purchased by Grant PUD in 2009**

EPHRATA, WA – The popular Columbia River resort known as Getty's Cove is closed to the public during the 2010 season and until further notice.

Grant PUD acquired the property in 2009 with the intent of using it to meet future Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license requirements for the Priest Rapids Project.

The 97-acre property located on the west shoreline of the river, five miles south of Vantage, was previously managed as a private RV park and campground, but has been closed the past two recreational seasons.

With the closure of the site, Grant PUD staff and contractors are working to assess the facility to determine what is required to bring the property up to an industry recreation standard. Portions of the facility will be upgraded before it opens to the public. Additionally, the property will be evaluated to ensure that future use is aligned with Grant PUD shoreline and recreation management objectives.

"Our goal is to determine how the property can be best utilized for project purposes," stated Lands and Recreation Resource Manager Kelly Larimer. "We regret limiting access to this great site and appreciate everyone's patience and understanding while we evaluate the property to ensure that any future use fits into our broader shoreline management and recreation plans."

The Getty's Cove Property is closed to the public until appropriate use of the property is identified and developed. Grant PUD staff asks that those needing site access for work-related reasons, obtain written permission to enter Getty's Cove.

For more information, contact the Lands and Recreation Department at [lands@gcpud.org](mailto:lands@gcpud.org); or (509) 793-0500, Ext. 4109.

#

#

millions of customers throughout Central Washington and the Pacific Northwest. The Priest Rapids Project, comprised of Priest Rapids and Wanapum Dams, produces nearly 2,000 megawatts of clean, renewable and reliable electricity – enough to supply a city the size of Seattle. A leader in science based technology; Grant PUD is committed to finding effective measures for the protection, mitigation and enhancement of salmon, steelhead and other natural and cultural resources.

**MEDIA CONTACT:**

Dorothy Harris

(509) 793-1516 / [dharris@gcpud.org](mailto:dharris@gcpud.org)