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Solar Homes on Display in Cowlitz and Clark Counties on October 6

The 2007 National Solar Tour for Cowlitz and Clark counties, co-sponsored by Cowlitz PUD, is set for Saturday, October 6 at homes in both counties.

Organized by Solar Washington, the tour features “green buildings” with passive solar space heating, a “solar envelope” home, active solar water heating (both flat plate and evacuated vacuum tube), solar window shading, highly-insulated air-tight construction using insulated concrete forms, spray-in BioBase™ soy foam, residential and commercial grid-tied photovoltaic solar and micro-hydro electric systems, geo-thermal heat pump, and more.

A kick-off presentation on October 6 at 9:00 a.m. will be held in the Community Room at Clark Public Utilities in Vancouver. A list of the Clark County tour homes will be distributed at the presentation, and will also be available at the homes presented in Cowlitz County.

Six solar homes will be on display in Cowlitz County, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on October 6. The homes are owned by:

- Grant Sawyer and Pat Deschene, 191 Hawks View Rd., Woodland
- Norm and Pauline Yonemura, 180 Hawks View Rd. Woodland
- Glen and Susie Keto, 148 Charity Road, Woodland
- Three new homes on Birchwood Street in Kalama, WA

The Cowlitz County home sites can be toured without attending the kick-off presentation in Vancouver. They offer features like active solar water heating, well insulated and air-tight thermal envelopes, south facing glazing for passive solar space heating and solar shading overhangs or installed window shading devices for summer comfort. Other features include low E glass vinyl windows, high efficiency heat pump with non-greenhouse gas 410-A refrigerant and ENERGY STAR® efficient clothes washers. The Kalama homes were built using insulated concrete forms (ICF) with thermal mass potential.

For more information on the Cowlitz County portion of the tour contact Grant Sawyer at Cowlitz PUD at (360) 577-7511 or (800) 631-1131. Access www.cowlitzpud.org for driving directions and more details.

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