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Solar Homes on Display in Cowlitz and Clark Counties on October 7

The 2006 National Solar Tour for Cowlitz and Clark counties, co-sponsored by Cowlitz PUD, is set for Saturday, October 7 at ten homes in Clark and Cowlitz Counties.

Organized by Solar Washington, this year's tour will feature Green Buildings including solar electric, passive, hot water, and energy efficiency technologies installed in homes and buildings that exhibit net metering and off-grid systems and homes utilizing resource conservation measures.

A kick-off presentation on October 7 at 9:00 a.m. will be held in the Public Service 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.

Two solar homes will be on display in Cowlitz County, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on October 7. The homes are owned by:

- Grant Sawyer and Pat Deschene, 191 Hawks View Rd., Woodland
- Norm and Pauline Yonemura, 180 Hawks View Rd. Woodland

The Cowlitz County home sites can be toured without attending the kick-off presentation in Vancouver.

Both Cowlitz County homes offer features like 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.

For more information on the Cowlitz County portion of the tour please contact Grant Sawyer at Cowlitz PUD at (360) 577-7511. Driving directions and additional details are available at www.cowlitzpud.org.

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