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The slope between 4900 and 5200 Whispering Ridge Road has been determined to be unstable. Chelan County Public Utility District notified Chelan County after a geotechnical firm retained by the PUD raised concern that soils in the area are unstable and a landslide could occur with little or no warning. Runoff in the area is increasing as temperatures warm following winter snow and recent rain storms. The entire slope could may come down.

The Chelan County Sheriff's Office has provided warning notifications to residents of Whispering Ridge Road and Squilchuck Road in and below the areas of concern. We will attempt to update residents as the situation develops.

Wednesday night, Chelan County Public Works closed the section of Whispering Ridge Drive under county jurisdiction.

Whispering Ridge Drive is not safe for heavy equipment. In addition, county Public Works placed "No Parking" signs on Squilchuck Road from the intersection of Squilchuck Road and Wenatchee Heights Road, to a location near the intersection of Squilchuck Road and Lehman Road. Chelan County PUD has disconnected residential water service to six customers on Whispering Ridge Road as ground movement has caused water line leaks. Electric and fiber service disruptions from ground movement are possible. If they occur, service will not be restored until the area is stabilized and heavy equipment can safely enter the area.

Questions regarding PUD utility service should be directed to Teka Parks, PUD Customer Service administrator, at (509) 661-4294, or 877-783-8123.

Questions regarding public safety should be directed to the Chelan County Sheriff's Office Emergency Management Department during business hours at 509-667-6863, and after hours at 509-663-9911.

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The Sheriff's Office and Chelan County PUD remind residents to stay safe and remember:

- Assume all power lines are live and can kill if touched.
- Don't try to power your house by plugging a portable generator into a wall outlet. The generator will backfeed electricity through the meter and out into the neighborhood, which will cause a severe safety hazard to neighbors and line workers.
- If using a portable generator, make sure the appliances being powered are plugged directly to the generator or make sure your home is disconnected from the PUD's electric system with a transfer switch installed by a licensed electrician.

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