



February 1, 2024

SUBJECT: Independent Income Survey

Dear Residents of Snoqualmie Pass,

Please be advised that you will soon be receiving an electronic survey regarding your Household Gross Income for **2023**. The first electronic survey will simply ask if you are a full-time resident of Snoqualmie Pass or not. It is important that this question be answered honestly. For the survey to be accepted it is important that everyone completes the survey. A no or a yes answer are equally important. After the residency survey is complete, a follow-up survey of the full-time residents will be sent.

The District is requesting this information from residents within the Snoqualmie Pass Utility District (District) service area. SPUD is seeking funding opportunities from State and Federal agencies in pursuing applications for greatly needed wastewater system upgrades. Your assistance in completing this survey could mean the difference between the District receiving needed grant dollars for critical infrastructure improvements, which will ultimately affect you as a resident in helping keep your utility rates lower (if the District must pursue loans instead of receiving grant dollars, utility rates may go up in order to pay back those loans).

In accordance with Washington State income survey guidelines, this survey being conducted by an independent third-party organization, Evergreen Rural Water of Washington (ERWoW). Evergreen Rural Water of Washington is a non-profit organization that provides assistance to rural communities throughout Washington State. The information you provide will only be used by ERWoW to calculate the percentage of the population qualifying as low-to-moderate income (LMI) and to determine median household income (MHI). All information obtained will be kept confidential by ERWoW.

It is very important that all of the surveys are completed and returned in a timely manner to be eligible for this year's application cycle. We would appreciate it if you could complete and return your survey as soon as possible. ERWoW will be sending this electronic survey to you shortly (beginning Feb 5<sup>th</sup>), independently from the District, and will provide the needed instructions, deadline, and how to return the survey.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Tracey Hunter at ERWoW directly at 360-462-9287 or you can contact the District.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance, it truly makes a difference to your local community.

Sincerely,

*Tom Hastings, General Manager*

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