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Learn about small wind power in Salem, Pendleton

Free workshops provide information on small turbines designed for rural landowners and farms

PORTLAND, Ore. — April 3, 2008 — When people think of wind power, they usually envision large turbines in remote locations. But small turbines that produce enough electricity to power a home or small farm are growing in popularity.

Energy Trust of Oregon is sponsoring two free workshops on small wind on Wednesday, April 30, 7 pm at the Friends of Straub Environmental Learning Center at 1320 A Street NE, Salem and Thursday, May 15, 2008, 7 pm at the Tamastlikt Cultural Institute, 72789 Highway 331, Pendleton.

The workshops will explain small wind technology and how much energy landowners can generate from a residential system. Participants will also learn about costs, financial incentives and tax credits, and how to assess the available wind resource. As a general guideline, the best sites for small wind turbines have average annual wind speeds of at least 10 miles per hour and at least a one-acre area.

“For people with a good wind resource, a wind turbine is a great way to generate clean renewable power,” said Erin Johnston, Energy Trust’s small wind program coordinator.

Energy Trust's small wind program provides resources and cash incentives to help customers of Portland General Electric and Pacific Power install turbines up to 50 kilowatts. Cash incentives vary with the turbine size. Energy Trust incentives, combined with state energy tax credits, can offset as much as 50 percent of the cost of a turbine.

For more information, visit the Energy Trust website, www.energytrust.org, or call 1-866-368-7878.

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