

You Are A Member

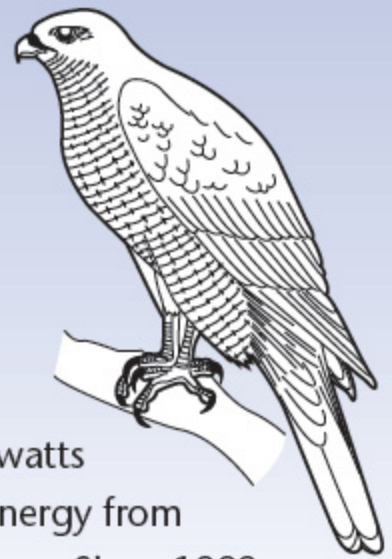
As a cooperative, our “customers” are actually our members and owners. Co-ops have long standing relationships with the communities they serve. Here’s another example.

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Oregon’s electric cooperatives have more than a passing interest in the land they serve. Co-ops promote environmental stewardship, invest in environmentally sound practices and have always been interested in clean, economical energy sources. Their main source of energy comes from the region’s largest renewable resource: the federal Columbia

River hydroelectric power system. The system is operated by the Corps of Engineers with the power marketed by BPA. In addition, the co-ops participate in Bonneville’s Conservation and Renewable Discount Program and several co-ops offer their customers the option of purchasing a portion of their energy needs from renewable sources.

Through PNGC Power (a wholesale electric power cooperative), seven Oregon co-ops joined with other Northwest co-ops in the operation of Coffin Butte — a landfill near Corvallis that generates almost



2.5 megawatts of clean energy from methane gas. Since 1999, Oregon subscriber cooperatives have invested over \$900,000 in this green energy source.

Other co-op efforts have been directed at protecting and enhancing Oregon’s wildlife. Examples include the Habitat Improvement Program and the placement of special bird habitat structures on power poles in western and central Oregon to benefit birds of prey. ■