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**Meet Jen Blood. Jen is the new Operations Manager for the Port of Lewiston.**

Jen has achieved her Professional Engineer designation following completion of her studies at WSU with a civil engineering degree. "The Operations Manager for the Port is involved in all aspects of the Port's mission, from broadband to property development. I'm excited to be able to bring my training and experience to a place with such a diverse range of opportunities".

A big piece of Jen's job will be to lead the Port's broadband program. The Port has been active in building a broadband network within the Port District since 2015. The new challenge will involve building a 95-mile middle mile fiber optic open access backbone that will stretch from Moscow to Lewiston to Grangeville. Jen is excited to lead this new chapter in the Port's broadband story.

Jen enjoys spending time with her husband and 5 sons and their families, especially in the outdoors. She likes to camp and ride side-by-sides, create cool crafts, and spend every possible moment with the grandkids.



The mission of the Port of Lewiston, Idaho's only seaport, is to enhance the quality of life for Nez Perce County residents through the development and management of assets and services designed to stimulate regional job creation and commerce. The Port Team includes three elected Commissioners and a team of five staff focused on accomplishing the mission. Our work is diverse, with our projects ranging from

broadband networks to property development to multi modal shipment of local goods. The Port has an annual economic impact of over \$1.2 billion, with the creation of over 2,000 jobs associated directly with either the Port or partner companies. And we will soon be the home of Idaho's only cruise boat dock. We are proud to support the people and businesses of Nez Perce County.

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