



A customer flies from one tree to the next.

# On a Wire

*By Steve Eginoire*

When 19-year-old Denny Beggrow bought 180 acres of remote land 3 miles north of the Tacoma Power Plant in 1969, he had visions of opening a secluded five-star resort. Nestled deep within the Animas River Canyon, the land was accessible only by train or helicopter. About a mile downstream was a small dude ranch, and home to Judy McCausland, whose family had lived and operated on the beautiful riverside property since the 1950s. The two were wed shortly thereafter, and Tall Timber Resort opened its doors to guests in 1972. Growing up in the family business, their son Johnroy envisioned a tree-top zipline tour through the old growth forest on the property, and in 2004 Soaring Tree Top Adventures came to be. Today, the family guides folks on the longest canopy zipline course in the world. Here's a look at the local 60-year legacy, still in the making.



Always expanding and improving, the course now takes visitors across the Animas River.



The fifth generation living on the property, meet 7-year-old Keira Snow Beggrow, the future of Tall Timber Resort.



Denny Beggrow, still greeting folks on the train after 45 years.



Johnroy Beggrow assists clients to the heights of a 400-year-old ponderosa pine – the oldest on the property.