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Manager's Message

Tree Trimming Improves Service for All

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HPP will be closed Monday, July 5th in observance of Independence Day.



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One of the things I love best about our community is the natural beauty that surrounds us. We are fortunate to have so many trees that offer beauty, shade and a habitat for all sorts of birds and other wildlife. We know that you appreciate our community for many of the same reasons.

At High Plains Power, we strive to balance maintaining beautiful surroundings and ensuring a reliable power supply by keeping power lines clear in rights of way (ROW).

While we recognize and appreciate the beauty of trees, there are three main benefits to tree trimming in ROW areas. However, before touching on the main reasons, let me explain what a "right of way" is and how it may impact you. A right of way is the land we use to construct, maintain, replace or repair underground and overhead power lines. Rights of way enable the co-op to provide clearance from trees and other obstructions that could hinder the power line installation, maintenance or operation. ROW areas are typically on public lands or located near a business or home. Regardless, HPP must be able to maintain the power lines above and below the ROW. The overall goal of our vegetation management program is to provide reliable power to our members while maintaining the beauty of our community. Proactive vegetation management benefits co-op members in three tangible ways.

SAFETY

First and foremost, we care about our members and put their safety and that of our lineworkers above all else. Overgrown vegetation and trees pose a risk to power lines. For example, if trees are touching power lines in our members' yards, they can pose grave

danger to families. If children can access those trees, they can potentially climb into a danger zone. Electricity can arc, or jump, from a power line to a nearby conductor like a tree. A proactive approach also diminishes the chances of fallen branches or trees during severe weather events that make it more complicated and dangerous for lineworkers to restore power.

RELIABILITY

Of course, one of the biggest benefits of a smart vegetation management program is reliability. Strategic tree trimming reduces the frequency of downed lines causing power outages. Generally speaking, healthy trees don't fall on power lines, and clear lines don't cause problems. Proactive trimming and pruning keeps lines clear to promote reliability.

We also use data and the technology to maximize the efficiency of our operation. This includes our vegetation management plan.

AFFORDABILITY

As you know, HPP is a not-for-profit cooperative, and that means we strive to keep our costs in check in order to keep our rates affordable. This extends to our approach to vegetation management. If trees grow too close to power lines, the potential for expensive repairs also increases. Effective tree trimming and other vegetation management efforts keep costs down for everyone.

Our community is a special place. We appreciate the beauty trees afford, but we also know our community depends on us to provide reliable energy. Through vegetation management, we are better able to keep the power lines clear, prepare for future weather events and secure the reliability of the grid.

2021 Annual Meeting

The 22nd Annual Meeting of High Plains Power will be a little different this year in more ways than one. Last month we mentioned that this year's annual meeting be held in conjunction with the Riverton Rendezvous weekend, and registration will begin on Friday night at the Friday Night Cruise on Main Street. The other change that you will notice is that the Board of Directors for High Plains Power will be reduced to 9 Directors. Pursuant to our By-Laws, the directors decided that they would redistrict "based on equitable consideration to fair and reasonable representation for all members."

Important business to be conducted at this year's annual meeting includes the election of six members to the Cooperative's Board of Directors. In addition, members will hear from each candidate up for election, reports from the President of the Board, the Treasurer, the Chief Executive Officer and a representative of Tri-State Generation & Transmission regarding the Cooperative's business.

Annual Meeting Notice

An annual meeting notice will be mailed out to all members in early July. A proxy card will be included with the meeting notice. If you are unable to pre-register Friday night or attend on Saturday, please complete and send your proxy to our Riverton office. **If you are planning on attending the meeting, please do not use the proxy card.**

Why should I attend?

Your annual meeting is a good

opportunity to get informed about the business of your electric cooperative, vote for director representation, visit with friends, and enjoy a meal. You could even win one of many valuable door prizes awarded.

We will have a booth set up Friday, July 16th at the Friday Night Cruise on Main Street in Riverton, and will be taking registrations from 5pm-7pm. Come on down and check out the cars and bikes on Main Street and visit with High Plains Power. When you register you will receive a swag bag and \$10 Energy Credit. In addition to those, you will also receive a raffle ticket for door prizes. The only door prize you need to be present to win will be the Grand Prize.

On Saturday, July 17th the Annual Meeting continues at the Fremont Center in Riverton. Registration will be held from 8am-9am followed by the Business Meeting from 9am-11:30am. When you register you will receive a swag bag, \$10 Energy Credit, raffle ticket, and voting ballot. Door prizes will be drawn throughout the meeting on Saturday, but stick around for the drawing of the Grand Prize, The Summer Package. This package includes a lawn mower, grill, cooler, and meat bundle.

Friday night come on down and check out the cars and bikes on Main Street and visit with High Plains Power. Saturday morning come to the Fremont Center, hear what High Plains Power has been up to, vote for your Board of Directors, and then enjoy lunch on us while taking in the rest of the Rendezvous

The POWER of Co-op Membership

Annual Meeting
Mark Your Calendars.

JULY 2021						
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Nominating Committee Members

- District 1 - Rebecca Gullion
- District 2 - Fred Tammany
- District 3 - Jeff Milton
- District 4 - John Sharp
- District 5 - Bruce Westlake
- District 6 - Justin Grimm
- District 7 - Josh Longwell
- District 8 - Dan Weber
- District 9 - Karen Heath

weekend.

Election of Directors

Elections for six director districts will be held at the annual meeting. Elections will be held for: District 2 - Fort Washakie to Lander areas

District 5 - Pavillion, Ethete, Arapahoe areas

District 6 - Riverton area

District 7 - Lysite, Lost Cabin, Hamilton Dome, Grass Creek, Midvale, Shoshoni areas

District 8 - Worland area
District 9 - All High Plains Power members located in Carbon, Natrona and Johnson Counties

Board of Director Nominations Being Sought

In accordance with the cooperative by-laws, one member from each district has been selected to serve on a nominating committee. If you are a member of High Plains Power and reside in Districts 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, or 9 and would like to be a candidate for the Board of Directors, contact

one of the members of the committee (see Nominating Committee Members).

Qualifications to be Director

A nominee or candidate for the director of High Plains must be a member receiving electric service and be a bona fide resident in the district that will be up for election. The candidate may not be employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise or business selling electric energy or supplies to High Plains Power.

CONGRATULATIONS 2021 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!



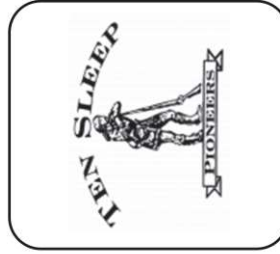
Bobak Jonsson
Hot Springs County High School



BaeNia Tilton
Lander Valley High School



Jadea Ferris
Wyoming Indian High School



Elizabeth Langren
Ten Sleep High School



L'anza White
Lander Valley High School



Sarah Howard
Kelly Walsh High School

Cooperative Principle #7 –Commitment to Community–

Each spring High Plains Power and its power suppliers award scholarships to graduating seniors in our service area. Congratulations to

these seniors from High Plains Power, Tri-State Generation & Transmission, and Basin Electric Power Cooperative!



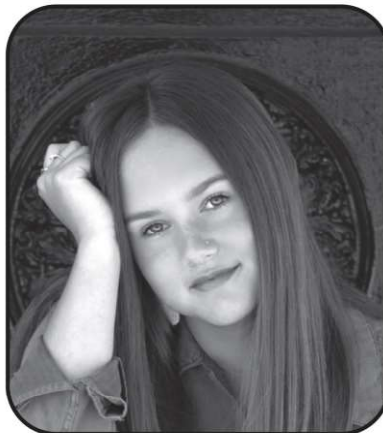
Macleann Hellyer
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Lander Valley High School



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