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Annual Meeting Scheduled for April 19, 2025

HPP is hosting its annual meeting April 19, 2025 at the Fremont Center, Fremont County Fairgrounds on Saturday, April 19, 2025. **Doors will open at 9am, the meeting will start at 10am.** Early registration will be open on Friday, April 18, at HPP Riverton office, 1775 E. Monroe Ave during normal business hours.

Annual Meeting is a great opportunity to hear about what is affecting the cooperative in 2025. There is a lot going on with energy markets, political change and a rate increase that starts April 1, 2025. Staff will go over the rate changes that go into effect this month, and how to optimize your bill.

Staff will also cover the consolidation that HPP was participating in and how the process ended before it went to a membership vote.

There will be an update from the Wyoming Rural Electric Association on the recent legislative session and what that means for cooperatives state-wide.

Three Board Directors are up for re-election. Andrea Dockery, District 1, Jeffrey City-Sweetwater, Lee Shaffer, District 2, Lander, and Jeff Milton, District 3, Dubois are on the ballot. If you cannot make it to the Annual Meeting, you can still mail in or hand in your proxy for the vote. Those notices mailed out in late March.

The annual meeting structure will be similar to last year, people can register until the meeting starts at 11am. There will be breakfast snacks and drinks, along with the annual raffle and giveaways. You must be present to win. There will also be meal vouchers for local restaurants that are good for Friday April 18 and Saturday April 19, for those who register for annual meeting. Register and receive a \$25 bill credit!

We hope to see you there!

Come to High Plains Power's
Annual Meeting!

Door Prizes!
Meal Voucher!
\$25 Bill Credit!
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The Importance of Wilderness Medical and Survival Training for Crews

High Plains Power (HPP) is a rural cooperative. That means that our crews frequently find themselves in remote areas, with little or no cell signal. If it's during an outage, they may also be dealing with adverse weather conditions while they are looking for the problem so that they can restore power.

Each year, they go through safety training, medical training and back country training, in order to be able to survive emergency situations and render medical aid if necessary, until they can reach help or help can arrive.

Every crewmember learns to operate a snowcat, they learn to build emergency



(pictured : Crew members learn how to drive and troubleshoot problems with a snowcat)



(pictured : Tim Bloomfield *left*, Eon Rose *right*, with Wyatt Gleim in the background, building an emergency shelter)

shelters and start a fire in any weather.

They master first aid, and practice rendering assistance in winter conditions, so they are prepared for extreme weather conditions.

Crews carry medical kits and survival gear in their vehicles and in the snowcat just in case they get stuck in remote country. They learn to start a fire using several different methods. They learn to build shelter, and they practice driving the snowcat in varied terrain.

Years may pass without having to depend on these lessons for survival, but they are prepared, should they ever need it.

Spring Safety Tips

- Landscaping? Be sure that you are not planting trees under powerlines, where you will have problems when they grow tall.
- Call before you dig - whether its widening an irrigation ditch, or changing landscaping in your yard or redesigning your driveway - Call 811 to be sure that you aren't going to hit powerline or cable. This is a safety issue!
- Do not trim trees that are already growing into power lines. Give us a call and we will send out a tree trimming team.

