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NEA is at State Fair on
Saturday August 20th.

Hope to see you there!



Summer & Lightning

Summer is a busy time of year for NEA. The weather, most specifically lightning, keeps the Line Crews on guard.

On July 22nd, a pole was struck by lightning near Hat Creek which caused an outage. As luck would have it, the closest crew was installing a new service by Glendo, at the time.

Even with the long travel time, we often encounter in NEA's large service territory, the mid-July outage restoration time was minimal.



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 VANDON INC
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Congratulation to Dylan Haas on attaining his Journeyman status!


Photo: Nebraska line crew member Dylan Haas and NEA Line Superintendent Jason Fish.

Sometimes utilities must put trucks and personnel in roadways to make repairs or install new equipment to keep power on at your home and business. Workers in these situations might already be facing the hazards of dealing with high voltage, and they increase their risk when establishing a work zone in the roadway. No matter how big the work zone, it requires drivers to pay attention to avoid a crash.


The National Work Zone Safety Information Clearing House has developed a list of ways to stay safe in work zones:

- Never use a cell phone or text while driving.
- Stay alert. Expect the unexpected.
- Slow down.
- Don't tailgate.
- Pay attention to the signs.
- Obey the flaggers.
- Be patient and stay calm.
- Know the road rules for work zones.


For more safety information, visit SafeElectricity.org.




HELP KEEP ELECTRIC LINE WORKERS SAFE




Be patient when the power goes out. Workers need to work efficiently and **safely** to restore power.



ZONE IN ON SAFETY




Respect **roadside** work crews.




Don't drive distracted.
Reduce your speed.
Change lanes.


1 work zone crash occurs every **5.4 minutes**




70 work zone crashes result in **injuries** each day




12 work zone crashes result in at least **1 fatality** each week






Never plug a generator into a wall outlet in your home or garage. The power that back feeds into the electric line **could electrocute a utility worker** or neighbor.





DON'T post signs on utility poles.

Foreign objects can **tear** utility workers' **protective clothing**, which is the first line of protection from an **electric shock**.



Electric line workers **RANK 15** on the list of **25 MOST DANGEROUS JOBS** in America. Help keep them safe!



Learn more at  **SafeElectricity.org**

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dispatch NEA personnel.

Construction is beginning on the Manning Tie Line which is seven miles of underground installation connecting two lines together. This connection will help strengthen our system.

Operations Manager Rick Bridge and Staking Technician Doug Lytle have been working hard getting the construction plan going and things seem to be moving along. Our Line Crew has been attending trainings and are looking forward to the challenge of installing the underground line, especially in pipeline country.

Seen below is the equipment which will be used by a contractor to dig the trench for the line.



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Board Minutes

No near misses, accidents or injuries to report. Austin Francis has moved into his 3rd year in the Apprentice Program. Ward Electric completed work on the ONEOK Elk Creek project. Tri-State has a contractor in Podalack taking out the transformer. Border States continues work on bar coding system. Guidelines 520 and 540 were approved. Coop Coalition Meeting held in Casper was discussed.

Director Wilson report on Tri-State business.

Director Keener report on NREA business.

Director Wasserburger replaced Andy Greer on WREA Board.

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