



WILDFIRE MITIGATION

At the forefront of discussion and planning in rural cooperatives is the topic of wildfire mitigation. Of critical importance to the cooperative management teams who faithfully steward their members dollars are funding programs and tax credits that are designed to provide assistance to help keep our electric rates low, strengthen the grid, reduce wildfire risk and enhance the important America-first energy strategy for rural communities.

Addressing existing and impending legislation as well as implementation of current industry best practices and incorporation of advancing technologies, requires significant revenue and resources. Access to funding options directly reduces costs for electric cooperatives. Without such funding, burdensome rate increases to meet industry standards are inevitable.

The core mission among electric cooperatives is to provide safe, reliable and affordable energy to our members. Expansive Federal and State laws looking to shunt devastating wildfires necessitates cru-

cial funding by federal investment. Congressional support for rural electric cooperatives to receive such funding will help prevent catastrophic events while easing the financial burden on rural communities.

Wyoming Coops have been working with several entities including the Senators and House Representatives to pass House Bill 0192, which was signed by Governor Gordon on March 6th, 2025. This bill requires all utilities to submit a wildfire mitigation plan to the Wyoming Public Service Commission for approval. If the plan is approved and the coop files an annual report proving they are following the plan they may be able to get some liability relief if a wildfire occurs.

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All controlled burns should be logged with the local Sheriff's department for emergency service purposes.

Any controlled burn staged in near proximity to or that escapes and encounters existing power poles should be reported immediately to the power supplier.

Never leave a burn unattended and always have a means of communication available while monitoring burns.

Office Hours

Monday—Thursday

7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.

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(New Years Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas)

Phones numbers for outages.

After hours:

SRS Dispatch

1-800-322-0544

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THE MOST COMMON CAUSES OF

ELECTRICAL FIRES

- Incorrectly installed wiring
- Overloaded circuits and extension cords
- Defective or improper plugs, switches and outlets
- Misuse or poor maintenance of lighting

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DID YOU KNOW THESE REBATES ARE AVAILABLE TO OUR MEMBERS ON CO-OP METERED SERVICES?

PRODUCT	SPECIFICATIONS & REQUIREMENTS	INCENTIVE OVERVIEW
RESIDENTIAL & SMALL COMMERCIAL		
Electric Appliances and Recycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eligible new appliances include: clothes dryers and induction cooktops• Clothes dryers must be ENERGY STAR® certified• Induction cooktops must have minimum surface width of 30 inches to qualify• Eligible appliance recycling include: refrigerators and freezers, maximum 2 units per year per member account	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$30/electric resistance clothes dryer• \$90/electric heat-pump clothes dryer (a.k.a. ventless)• \$60/refrigerator or freezer recycle (max \$120 per member account per year)• \$350/induction cooktop in new construction• \$350/induction cooktop replacing propane or natural gas (requires photo of old cooktop)• \$100/induction cooktop replacing electric

Call our office and speak with Member Services for more information.

