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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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Maintaining easements

Wyrulec would like to thank all our members for their cooperation in helping maintain our easements free of hazards. The wet springs we've experienced these past two years have really caused the trees to grow. When in proximity to our lines, they can cause serious hazards.

We are currently focusing more resources on this problem and will be actively clearing our easements and trimming trees.

Most of Wyrulec's easements are 30' wide (15' each side of the center line). These easements allow our crews enough room to repair and maintain our lines and this distance normally provides an adequate buffer zone for any hazards. *John Wilkey* Outages caused by trees can be very costly to the cooperative both in restoring power and the potential cost of fire damage. Reliability suffers as well.

In conjunction with clearing our easements, we also look outside the easement for trees that are large enough to fall into the lines and cause damage. If we identify trees just outside the easement that are dead and leaning towards the line, we will remove those hazards as well.

There will also be times when we have to clear the hazard immediately and then come back at a later time to clean up the branches. We understand that there are always special circumstances. We know that communication is key when removing or trimming trees from member properties.

The front office will continue to make contact with our members before our tree trimming contractor starts work in your area. * Dick Esquibel* If you have any concerns or if you have special circumstances, please do not hesitate to call us.

Planting trees

Before planting new trees or shrubs, please keep a few things in mind. Consider the full growth potential of any trees or shrubs before planting.

Wyrulec Company will be closed on Monday, Sept. 5 for Labor Day

As vegetation grows, branches can interfere with overhead power lines and pose a serious threat. According to a study on outages conducted by the National Rural Electric Cooperative

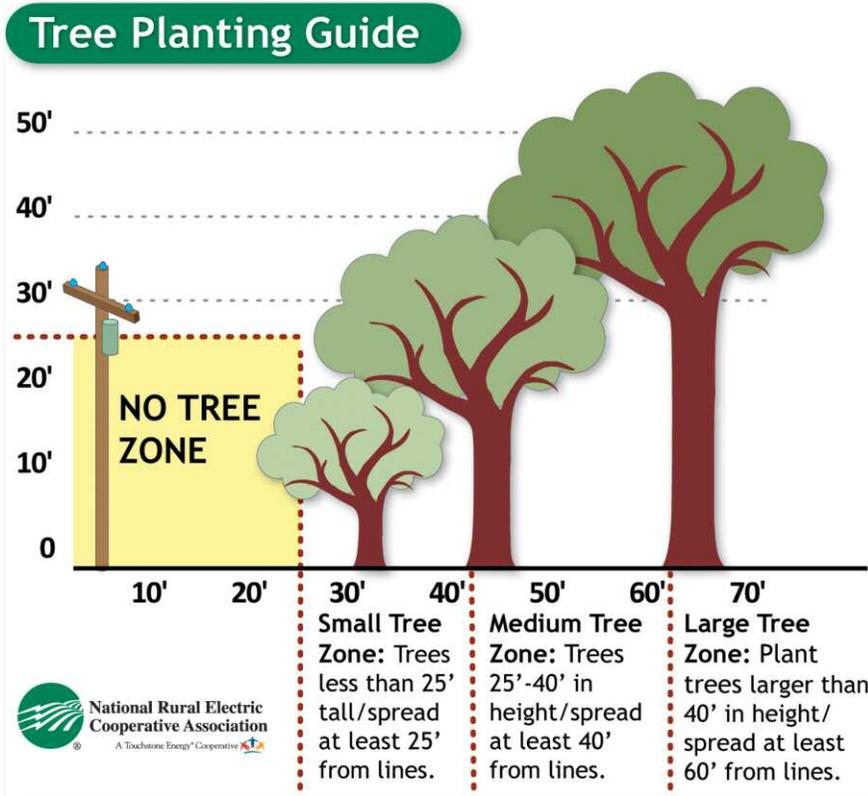
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Association (NRECA), trees, shrubs, or brush growing too close to power lines and distribution equipment cause 15 percent of power outages. Planting trees near underground lines can also be hazardous.

Know the location of underground utility lines. Call Wyoming One Call at 1-800-849-2476 or dial 811 so they can assist with locating lines before you dig. Not only can digging into underground lines cause damage to the lines or costly outages, it can cause serious injury or death.



Trees can be just as problematic in winter. From the extra weight of snow and ice, branches can bend or break and end up in the overhead powerlines. If you are planting trees and wonder if they could eventually be a concern, give Wyrulec Company a call to discuss the situation. We'll do our best to work with you and around your landscaping plans.

Maintaining vegetation

When trimming trees, make sure to note where powerlines are located. Also, maintain a safe distance between any

equipment and the powerlines. If a branch or tree falls into the line, contact Wyrulec.

Always assume powerlines are energized.

Nearby objects and trees have the potential to become electrified. Do not approach branches or trees tangled in or touching lines.

If a fire starts, stay away from the area. Call the local fire department and also give Wyrulec a call so we can send our crews out to the scene to prevent further damage or injury.

In working to keep a safe, reliable, and affordable supply of power flowing to your home or business, Wyrulec needs your help. If you notice branches or trees in the powerlines that could cause damage, please notify the staff at Wyrulec Company.

As always with any questions, you can reach me at the office by calling (307) 837-2225, on my cell at (307) 575-2435 or email me at rschilreff@wyrulec.com.

Our Youth: Leaders of Tomorrow

This past June, Wyrulec Company sponsored student Sean Malcom of Hartville, Wyo., to attend the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. Upon arriving in D.C., Malcom joined a group of more than 1,700 high school students from around the United States. These students are also from

rural areas and were selected by their local electric cooperatives to take part in this unique program.

Eight other students from all corners of Wyoming were also selected to attend Youth Tour, three of which were sponsored by the Wyoming Rural Electric Association (WREA). Robin Feezer, the WREA Office Manag-

er, plans and facilitates the trip for the Wyoming attendees. The Wyoming students tour D.C. in a group along with attendees from Alaska, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, and Utah. This year, the group consisted of 71 students, 3 directors, and 12 chaperones.

The purpose of this trip is for students

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to enhance their knowledge of the electric industry and realize the role it plays in our rural communities.

It's extremely important because these students are the future of our great country!

The Wyoming group scheduled visits with Senators Barrasso and Enzi and Representative Lummis. Each student was encouraged to ask questions and address regulatory and legislative issues during these visits.

While on Capitol Hill, the students

were given the opportunity to experience government first-hand.

To help students, a congressional simulation was held. Students chose a political party to represent, became a Congressperson, and debated bills on

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All three photos courtesy Amber Kalinowski

Top: Attendees from Alaska, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Wyoming at the National Cathedral. Bottom: Wyoming students and tour guide at Mount Vernon.

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issues they were concerned about. The students follow standard Congressional procedures to discuss, amend, and pass bills.

Youth Tour is not all business... there is plenty of time scheduled for sight-seeing and historical adventures! To learn more about American history, tours were scheduled at: the Library of Congress, Arlington National Cemetery, National Archives, Mount Vernon, National Cathedral, Ford's Theater, White House, and the Smithsonian Museums.

Students were encouraged to reflect while viewing the Iwo Jima, FDR, Jefferson, Lincoln, Korean War, WWII, Vietnam, Martin Luther King, and the Pentagon memorials.

Wyoming students at the top of the Washington Monument, l to r, bk row: Olivia Lundquist, Payton Thomas, Conlon Fields, Torey Wardell, Sean Malcom. Front row: Kayle Rippetoe, Anna Larson, Morgan Durrant, Emily Mendez.

For information about NRECA's Youth Tour, please visit our website at

www.wyrulec.com or call our office at (307) 837-2225.



A Message from the Goshen County Clerk...

It's election time again!

At this time you can call the County Clerk's office at 532-4051 and order your absentee ballots for the Primary and/or General Election. You can vote in the County Clerk's office at the Courthouse at your convenience until August 15. General Election ballots can be ordered now but will not mail out until September 23. You can vote absentee for the General Election until November 7.

At right is information regarding your polling place. The Primary Election is on August 16 and the General Election is on November 8. Polls are open from 7am to 7pm. Voter registration is allowed that day.

If you have any questions feel free to call the Clerk's office from 7:30 to 4:00 pm Mon - Fri. Let your voice be heard. Be sure to VOTE!

01-01	MEYERS, Old Prairie Center School
02-01	JAY EM, Forest Mound Chapel
08-01	LINGLE, Town Hall
09-01	FORT LARAMIE, Town Hall
10-01 thru 10-12	TORRINGTON, Rendezvous Center
13-01	VETERAN, Legion Post #56
15-01	YODER, Community Hall
16-01 & 16-02	HUNTLEY, Table Mountain Vineyard
17-01 & 17-02	HAWK SPRINGS, Community Hall
18-01 & 18-03	LA GRANGE, La Grange Memorial Building
20-01	IOWA CENTER, Dan Jackson Home