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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

I hope you all had a great 4th of July weekend celebrating America's independence with your families. There is never a dull moment around the cooperative, and I want to bring you up to speed on several topics.

June Storms

We have experienced several severe storms in the month of June, with the worst happening on Thursday, June 20th. This storm brought large hail, a tornado, severe winds and rain. We were very fortunate here at the cooperative with minimal outages due to lightning. The system as a whole remained reliable. Our neighbors to the east didn't fare so well - Roosevelt Public Power District took the brunt of the storm. Wyrulec was able to send trucks and a crew to help them out, under our mutual aid agreement. For those that may not know, 'mutual aid agreements' allow systems to share resources in times of large outages or devastating storms. The systems who didn't experience severe damage will send whatever resources they have available to help their neighbors restore power as quickly as possible. It's what we call "cooperation among cooperatives" - we must help each other because nobody else is coming. It wasn't long ago that Wyrulec was in the same situation with the ice storm in Banner County and trust me - it's a good feeling knowing help is on the way.



Ryan Schilreff
General Manager

FEMA

The Wyrulec staff has been working diligently with FEMA to try to recover the cost of that Banner County ice storm in April. Our estimated cost to date is just over one million dollars. It's our hope that we can navigate the FEMA process and recover those funds by the end of year.

System Maintenance

Our office will be contacting members as we conduct our summer maintenance programs. Our pole checking crews will be on site in July or August to inspect 3,000 poles on the system. If they're working in your area the Wyrulec office will notify you of those dates. We have also engaged a company to fly a drone over fifty miles of our line in Nebraska to do a safety and soundness check on the lines that were affected by the

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ice storm in April. The drone can get aerial views of the infrastructure that we may not see when we patrol from the ground. They will also be taking pictures and thermal images to identify any problematic spots. If the drone is going to be in your area, the Wyrulec office will call you prior to our contractor being on site.

Legislative Issues

There are several important legislative topics in the pipeline right now, and we are working with the rest of the Wyoming cooperatives to help draft legislation to protect our membership.

- **Wildfire Mitigation** – Reducing liability if we are executing our maintenance program properly.

- **Territorial Protection** – Protecting our certificated territory and our ability to serve loads in our service territory.
- **Prescriptive Easements** – Validating the ability to work within easements to repair and maintain line for the reliability and safety of our system.
- **Third Party Generation** – Making sure third-party generators must follow the same rules and regulations as the utilities in order to ensure a level playing field.

Please be sure to give us a call at 877-WYRULEC if you have questions about any of these topics.



**The Wyrulec Office will close
at 9am on Thursday, August 1st
for Goshen County Fair Day**

See you at the fair!





16th ANNUAL

2024

Goshen County Fair

RANCH RODEO

THURSDAY * AUGUST 1st

1:00 pm * \$10 Admission

Goshen County PAVILION



The following names have been drawn for a \$25 bill credit.
Contact Wyrulec Company at 877-WYRULEC to claim your credit!

Sissel James
John Gibson
Sylvan Yoder

Daniel & Cheryl Johnson
Ina Capps



What is Electric Shock Drowning

Know the signs of this hidden danger

Electric shock drowning (ESD) is a type of drowning that many people are not familiar with. ESD happens when electrical current seeps into water from a nearby electrical source such as a yacht, boat or dock. It can also happen in a pool, hot tub or water park if there is faulty wiring or other electrical issues.

To prevent and recognize ESD:

- Do not swim around docks with electrical service or boats that are plugged into a power source.
- If you are swimming and feel tingling or shocks, swim away from the dock or other electrical source.
 - Try to stay upright and tuck your legs up.
 - Alert others to cut the power source.
 - If you feel a shock, swim away from the dock.
- Do not jump in to try and save someone you suspect is exposed to electricity in the water. Instead:
 - Eliminate the source of power.
 - Throw a float.
 - Call 9-1-1.
- After the power is shut off, pull the person in with the float rope. If you cannot find a pulse, start CPR.



Prevention and Maintenance

Boats

- If you own a boat that has an electrical system, ensure circuits have GFCIs and check them often.

Docks

- If you have a dock with electricity, have its electrical system inspected regularly by a licensed contractor.

While it is impossible to know if water is electrified just by looking, learning about the dangers of ESD can help keep you and others safe in the water.

Learn more:

