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Manager's Message

The threat of wildfires has become a critical concern for our members living in high-risk areas. Each summer, it seems increasingly common to see red flag warnings, indicating extreme fire risk due to high winds and dry conditions. In response, Midstate Electric Cooperative evaluates each situation to determine the appropriate actions.

Our primary defense is placing our system on a high-sensitivity setting. While this may cause more short outages, it is the safest option for protecting our employees and communities. If something causes a breaker to trip while our lines are on a high-sensitivity setting, our crews must patrol the lines and restore power in sections.

Maintaining clear rights-of-way for our power lines and equipment is essential for patrolling, routine maintenance and emergency repairs. It is important that property owners continue to honor established easements and remove obstacles, ensuring our crews can perform their duties to restore power safely and efficiently.

During extreme fire hazard conditions, we may implement Public Safety Power Shutoffs. A PSPS occurs when we proactively turn off power system equipment to eliminate potential ignition sources. Our power supplier, Bonneville Power Administration, also retains the right to deenergize our assets in response to emergent conditions. In such cases, we attempt to provide affected members as much notice as possible.

While we take extensive measures to protect our grid, home fire prevention is a shared responsibility. Ninety percent of wildfires are human-caused, and homes are often ignited by embers and small flames. Embers are burning pieces of airborne wood and vegetation that can travel more than a mile, causing spot fires and igniting homes, debris and other objects.

Homeowners can take several steps to protect their homes from ember attacks and minimize the likelihood of flames reaching their property. Studies have shown that the condition of the home and its surroundings, up to 200 feet from the foundation—known as the home ignition zone—is crucial.

Here are some steps to make your home safer:

- Clean roofs and gutters of dead leaves, debris and pine needles.
- Replace loose or missing shingles or roof tiles.
- Move any flammable material away from wall exteriors.
- Remove anything stored underneath decks.

Together, we can create a safer, more resilient future for all. Thank you for your continued trust and support.

Jim Anderson
CEO/General Manager

"The secret of crisis management is not good versus bad; it's preventing the bad from getting worse." —Andy Gilman, president and CEO of Comm Core Consulting Group

