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Wildfire Season Is Just Around the Corner: Prepare Now for a Safe Summer

As we enter March, the winter conditions may make it easy to forget, but wildfire season is right around the corner. Last year's Darlene 3 Fire reminded us how quickly conditions can change as it threatened homes, businesses and infrastructure.

At Midstate Electric Cooperative, we are preparing to protect our communities. We encourage our members to do the same.

Midstate's Fire Prevention Efforts

Our crews are performing right-of-way maintenance, clearing vegetation around power lines to reduce fire risk.

While we are committed to keeping these areas clear, we continue to work with the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management to secure permits for more aggressive trimming. Delays in these approvals make our job more difficult, but we are pushing for solutions to better protect our members.

Why Power Shutoffs May Be Necessary

In extreme fire conditions, Public Safety Power Shutoffs or other fire-prevention measures may be necessary to protect our infrastructure and communities. These decisions are not made lightly, but they are critical to preventing power lines from sparking a wildfire.

If power is shut off due to fire danger, restoration takes time. Our crews must physically inspect the entire power line before reenergizing to ensure no damage has occurred.

We appreciate your patience during these events, as safety is always our priority. Check our website and social media for the latest on outages and up-to-date information on possible PSPS events.

How You Can Prepare

Wildfire preparation is a shared responsibility. One of the most effective ways to protect your property is by creating defensible space, which helps slow fire spread.



Key steps include clearing dry grass, leaves and brush at least 30 feet from your home; trimming tree branches at least 10 feet from chimneys and roofs; keeping gutters and rooftops clear of debris; stacking firewood at least 30 feet away from your house; and using fire-resistant plants and landscaping materials.

Having a wildfire emergency plan is also crucial. Be sure to identify multiple evacuation routes; sign up for local emergency alerts; prepare an emergency kit with food, water, medication and important documents; and stay vigilant and ready.

While it may be hard to think about fire season now, preparation is key to protecting our communities. MEC is committed to keeping you safe, and we appreciate your partnership in wildfire prevention. By working together through proactive land management and emergency planning, we can reduce risks and be ready for the challenges ahead.

Thank you for being a valued member. Stay safe, stay prepared and let's work together for a safe fire season.

CEO/General Manager Jim Anderson

*"Only you can prevent forest fires."
—Smokey Bear*