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Practice Safety This Spring

Dear Member,

It's time to put away winter gear and step into spring. As the weather warms up and outdoor activities beckon, please consider these safety tips:

- **Cut trees safely.** A careful site evaluation is important before you begin any tree-cutting project. Take time for a safety check. Look up and around for power lines. Contact with a power line while falling a tree could be fatal. Take a few minutes to make your project safe.

- **Power poles are not sign posts.** It is easy to forget power poles have only one purpose: to provide support for overhead power and communication service. They often seem to be convenient for attaching signs and posters. Doing so can create hazardous working conditions for our lineworkers.

Nails, tacks and staples attached to poles make it difficult for our lineworkers to climb and can seriously injure them if they should slip or fall. These objects may also puncture the rubber gloves or other safety equipment used by our crews, making them vulnerable to electrocution. For the safety of our workers, please look for other places to hang signs or posters.

- **Call before you dig.** Don't forget the danger of underground power lines. If you are planting shrubs, digging fence post holes or doing other excavation work, remember to call before you dig. A simple outdoor chore can be deadly if you come into contact with an underground power line.

State law requires two business days' notice if you plan to dig deeper than 12 inches. Call the Oregon One-Call Center at 811 or visit www.callbeforeyoudig.org. The center will arrange for someone to

come out and mark any buried lines on your property. Work safely this season. Remember to call before you dig.

National Lineworker Appreciation Day Is April 11

MEC depends on our entire staff to keep the co-op running smoothly, but on April 11, we honor our lineworkers who often find themselves in dangerous and challenging situations so our lives may be a little bit brighter and safer every day.

Our dedicated lineworkers repair damaged lines and maintain critical infrastructure for our communities. Without their hard work and commitment to the job, our co-op would not thrive. No matter the time—day or night, weekday or weekend—if the lights go out, so do they.

Perhaps you have seen them raising their bucket trucks when winds are howling, heavy rain or snow is falling, or conditions are freezing or icy. They work around the clock near high-voltage power lines until electricity is restored to every member in our co-op community.

Please join us in thanking our lineworkers. Remember, your power works because they do.

Annual Meeting Save the Date

We plan to see all of you in person once again at our annual meeting. We are celebrating Midstate Electric's 70th annual meeting Saturday, May 14, at Midstate's headquarters. You will receive detailed information about the meeting by mail this month.

Best regards,

Jim Anderson
General Manager