

# HIGHLIGHTS

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## Mark Your Calendar...

### Upcoming District Board Meetings

May 3rd Meeteetse School Cafeteria

May 4th Shell Community Hall

May 9th Ten Sleep School Cafeteria

May 10th Burlington Fire Hall

May 11th Deaver Community Hall

*Meeting and dinner! Watch the following newsletters, website, and postcards providing more information.*

## Seeking Qualified Candidates for Board Positions.

By now you all should have received a letter seeking qualified candidate for board positions.

One of the advantages of being a member of a cooperative is local member control. Due to the success of the two previous years' district meetings, Big Horn will be hosting district meetings again. Further, Big Horn will conduct board member elections through a mail-in

ballot process, as was done for director elections in 2021 and 2022.

The Board Member positions for election are:

**District 1** - Otto, Burlington, Emblem area and;

**District 4** - Meeteetse area.

The term is for three years. Sara Schlattmann is serving District 1, and John Fernandez is serving District 4.

If you are interested and willing to seek nomination as a director candidate for Big Horn REA, contact us to receive a Profile Form and Board Candidate Form or access the forms on our website [www.bighornrea.com](http://www.bighornrea.com). You will then need to deliver the completed forms to our office in Basin. Forms must be turned in to our office no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday the 17th day of March 2023.

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### DID YOU KNOW

If all our nation's households swapped just one incandescent light bulb with an Energy Star Certified LED bulb, we would save enough energy to light more than 2 million homes for a year.

### CLOSED

**Big Horn REA offices will be closed Monday, February 20th in observance of Presidents' Day.**



# Rebate Changes? Yes, you heard that right!

As part of our commitment to our members, Big Horn REA along with our power supplier Tri-State Generation & Transmission, is proud to offer rebates! There will be a few changes when it comes to the rebates.

The timeframe will remain the same, you must submit your itemized receipt that clearly shows detailed product make & model information, associated labor costs, consumer name, date and verification of purchase/payment unless otherwise noted within 90 days of purchase.

Big-Horn REA as well as Tri-State reserves the right to modify and/or stop this program at any time.

Starting January 1st, 2023, Big Horn REA will match 50% of the Tri-State rebate.

After submitting the rebate, there is a preliminary incentive that is calculated when the application form is complete. Please note that this amount is only an estimate and may vary from the actual rebate payment based on application review and calendar year. The actual rebate amount will reflect the value for the calendar year in which it is submitted. **Rebate calculations will not be modified to reflect prior year incentives.**

Tri-State will send a single rebate payment to Big Horn for all approved Electrify and Save incentive applications during a specific period.

## Electric Appliance and Recycling- INCENTIVE

- Energy Star certified clothes dryer
  - o ≈\$30 per unit for clothes dryer
  - o ≈\$90 per unit for heat pump clothes dryer(vent-less)
- Induction cooktops/range measuring 30" or larger.
  - o ≈\$100 per unit for electric-to-induction replacements
  - o ≈\$350 per unit for gas-to-induction replacement or new construction
- Refrigerator and/or Freezer Recycling
  - o ≈\$60 per unit

## Product & Application Requirements

- Itemized receipt
- Energy Star certified make & model number for (clothes dryer purchases only)
- Proof or recycling preferred but not required.

## Electric heat pumps

- All air-source heat pump incentives are based on the total "size" of the heat pump system's outdoor unit or (in some cases) units, specifically the outdoor unit coil capacity in tons; while the indoor unit(s) impact the system efficiency ratings,

indoor exchange unit capacities are not to be included in the total system size on the rebate application.

- **Tier 1 – Efficient Air Source Heat Pump**
  - o Required HSPF greater than or equal to 9.0 and SEER greater than or equal to 15 or, HSPF2 greater than or equal to 7.6 and seer greater than equal to 14.3
  - o Less than or equal to 2 tons for \$675 (not to exceed 50% equipment cost)
  - o Greater than 2 tons for \$1,800 (not to exceed 50% equipment cost)
- **Tier 2 – Cold-Climate Certified Air Source Heat Pump**
  - o HSPF greater than or equal

to 10.0 and SEER greater than equal 16 or, HSPF2 greater than equal to 8.5 and SEER2 greater than equal to 15.2; variable speed compressor or a minimum of 3 stages (settings for fan speed)

- o Less than or equal to 2 tons for \$1000 (not to exceed 50% equipment cost)
- o Greater than 2 tons for \$2400 (not to exceed 50% equipment cost)
- Air-to-water heat pump units will be taken on a case-by-case basis. Please include manufacturer, product model number, the rated capacity/size (in tons) and any efficiency specifications available. Program staff will validate specifications and calculate rebate using the same tier structure as air source heat pumps.

## New Pilot Programs—

- Evaporated Cooler – is a device that cools through the evaporation of water via integrated water media pad(s) and a fan.
  - o Up to a \$200 incentive
  - o Minimum of 2,500 CFM
- EnergyStar Air-Conditioner
  - o Up to \$100/unit
  - o Must be EnergyStar rated
  - o Minimum of 16 SEER or 15.2 SEER2
  - o Minimum qualifying equipment size is 1 ton
  - o Window units DO NOT qualify

## Monthly Billing and Penalty for Late Payment.



- The bills on all monthly electric accounts will be computed and mailed to the address furnished by the member generally no later than the 9<sup>th</sup> day of the month. All bills are due and payable by the due date shown on the bill and are delinquent the following day.

- A charge of 1.5% per month will be added to any outstanding balance remaining as of the day after the due date. Notice of this charge will be printed on each statement.

- Delinquent notices will be mailed the day after the due date that is on your bill on **ALL** delinquent accounts, giving notice that if payment is not received or arrangements for payments are not made, service may be discontinued.

- To ensure your payment is received on time every month, Big Horn has flexible payment options. Please check our website for the ACH Form, for our online payment options or give us a call and we can help set you up.

## Cooperative Principle #7 – Concern for Community

Concern for Community is one of our seven cooperative principles and Big Horn crews kicked the year off with a bang! Pictured is the crew turning Christmas trees into landscaping mulch

with the Washakie County Conservation District. The crew also did the safety demo for the Riverside Rebels in Basin. Classes K-5 saw the demo and learned about electrical safety around the

home. Classes 6-12 also saw the demo and learned about careers in linework and what to do if you hit a pole. Lots of questions and smiling faces were present at both demos.



## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Do you have a home office? Set equipment like printers and scanners to automatically switch to sleep or energy saver mode when not in use. In addition to saving energy, the equipment will stay cooler, which will help extend its life. Another way to save in the home office is to use energy efficient lamps for task lighting. Small lamps use less energy than whole-room lighting.





# February 14<sup>th</sup>



## IMPORTANT

*We hope you find the WREN Magazine informational.* However, if you don't find it of use and would like to opt out of receiving it, please fill out and return the slip below to PO Box 270 Basin WY, 82410 or with your bill stub.

Big Horn REA's newsletter is available to everyone on our website at [www.bighornrea.com/highlights-newsletter](http://www.bighornrea.com/highlights-newsletter). This online version does not include the WREN Magazine.



**I do not wish** to receive my copy of WREN Magazine anymore and will read my copy of HIGHLIGHTS online.

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