



Big Horn Rural Electric Company

# HIGHLIGHTS

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## DISTRICT MEETINGS 2024 >>>

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who attended our District meetings last month!! We surely enjoyed seeing all your smiling faces, sharing some information with you, and having a chance to visit with you and answer your questions.

In total for all the meetings there were over 300 members that attended our district meetings. Several topics were discussed with members in attendance at district meetings. One of the items that was emphasized was the Ten Sleep Canyon underground project. Big Horn has been working hard on securing grant funding and coordinating with Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) as well as the Forest Service on this undertaking. Approximately 22 miles of overhead powerline will be converted to underground serving cabin owners, a ski lodge and emergency services.

Local caterers from each district provided a free dinner from the co-op.  
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**BIG HORN REA WILL BE  
CLOSED JULY 4TH.**

Happy  
**INDEPENDENCE**  
Day!

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**ONE BOLT OF  
LIGHTNING HAS  
ENOUGH ELECTRICITY  
TO SUPPLY 200,000  
AVERAGE SIZE HOMES**

### SAFETY REMINDER

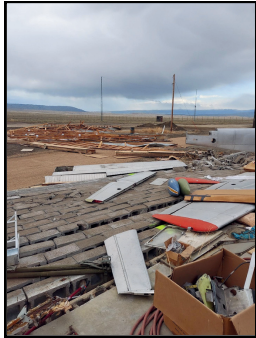
Our power poles have just one purpose.. to support the power lines and equipment needed to deliver electricity to our members. Please do not use our poles as bulletin boards!

## MAY STORM

We had a busy month in May, with power outages all over our service territory. From Ten Sleep to Shell, all the way to Warren, MT.



Pictured above are photos that were submitted showing the damage done by the May 8th storm in Warren, MT. We had a total of 28 poles that were taken out by weather.



Pictured above are the results of a wind storm in North Big Horn County. Power was lost due to a hangar being blown into our power line.



Pictured above from left to right Todd Lawson and Josh Serr from Garland Light and Power, Tony Nelson, Clint Getzfreid, Tristen Snyder, Todd Herman of Big Horn, Jasper McWilliams, Bob Anderson, and Gary Starkey from High Plains Power.



Shown above are the crews working hard to get poles in place.



## »»» ENERGY EFFICIENCY: TIP OF THE MONTH

Did you know ceiling fans can help you save energy? Ceiling fans create a windmill effect on your skin to make you feel a few degrees cooler. Raise the thermostat a few degrees and turn on fans to reduce air conditioning costs.

Set fan blades to rotate counterclockwise during summer months and clockwise during winter months. Remember, ceiling fans cool people but don't actually lower the indoor temperature. Turn them off when you leave the room.

Source: [energy.gov](http://energy.gov)



# DISTRICT MEETINGS 2024

Prizes were drawn and awarded during each meeting. The prizes included meat bundles from our fair animal purchases and energy credits. Last, but not least was the electric smoker donated by Tri-State. We drew one ticket in each district to be a potential winner of the smoker and the final winner of the electric smoker being William Alber from Deaver!

Pictured is Sharon Fech who is on the Big Horn REA Operation RoundUp Board. She provided information on Operation RoundUp to members in attendance.



Members in attendance in Burlington.



Members in attendance in Meeteetse.

Pictured to the right Shawn Taylor the WREA Executive Director at our meeting in Shell.



President John Joyce presenting a donation check to Annie Griffin the Superintendent of the Ten Sleep School.



Members in attendance in Shell.

Members in attendance in Ten Sleep.



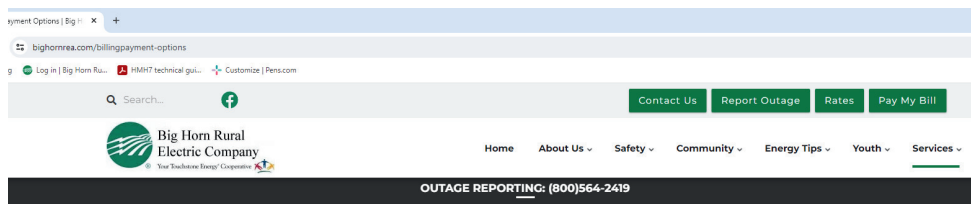
To the right Tom Delaney, Big Horn's former board president reminisced about working with retiring manager Jeff Umphlett several years at our meeting in Shell.



Becky Condie Member Relationship Manager for Tri-State G & T who attended the meeting in Shell and in Deaver with Heather Lawrence Big Horn's Office Manager at the Deaver meeting.

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- Saves you time – your monthly payment is processed automatically.
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- Get the form on our website at <https://bighornrea.com/billingpayment-options> under Pre-Authorized Payment. Fill it out and return it with a voided check before or after your payment and we'll get you set up!



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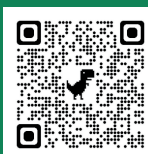
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## Summer Energy-Saving Tips

Costs associated with cooling your home can make up a large portion of your summer electric bills. Stay cool and save money with these energy efficiency tips!



#### NO-COST TIPS

Close blinds and drapes during the day to keep heat out.



Set your thermostat to 78 degrees when you are home. Set it to a higher temperature when you're away.



Turn off lights and ceiling fans when you leave a room.



#### LOW-COST TIPS

Plant trees and shrubs to shade the exterior of your home.



Replace disposable air filters (or clean permanent filters) once a month to maximize efficiency.



Use solar lighting to brighten up your outdoor space. Solar lights are easy to install, low maintenance and provide free electricity.

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