



Kilowatt Korner

JUNE 2021

There is not much better than summer in the mountains and we hope you have lots of great outdoor adventures planned. As you travel around the White River Valley this summer, you will see WREA and our subcontractors trimming trees and completing pole testing. These efforts are essential to maintaining a safe and reliable electric system. In June, crews will focus tree trimming efforts along RBC County Road 8 and will continue to work throughout our system as fire danger remains high in our area. We appreciate your cooperation and patience with these efforts. Tree trimming guidelines are set forth by National Electric Safety Code which include trimming trees ten (10) feet away from primary power lines or fifteen (15) feet from the centerline. Please call WREA if you have questions or if you see trees encroaching upon the power lines.

Optimize your energy resources this summer by shopping for electric power tools and turning in your rebates. Check out all WREA's Rebate options at <https://wrea.org/rebates>. The form is easy to fill out and must be turned within 120 days of purchase. WREA works with Tri-State Generation & Transmission to provide rebates for electric power tools, electric bikes, electric appliances, electric lawn mowers, heat pumps and LED lighting. Call WREA (970)878-5041 with questions or for more information.

Summers are busy so plan to save time by signing up for WREA's Smarthub. Smarthub is an easy, convenient and free way to receive electronic bills, pay online and monitor your energy usage at <https://wrea.smarthub.coop/Login.html>.

WREA is also looking forward to Meeker's many great summer community events. Mark your calendars for WREA's Member Appreciation Dinner during the Meekerpalooza Summer Concert Series on July 23, 2021. It will be a fun evening filled with music, member appreciation gifts and a free barbeque dinner prepared by the Meeker Lions Club.

Also, a quick reminder that WREA Director Election Petitions are now available and due back to WREA by July 8, 2021. WREA members will elect one director from the Town of Meeker District and one from the Rural District at this year's Annual Meeting on September 8, 2021. Petitions are available at WREA or online at <https://wrea.org/annual-meeting>.

WREA is grateful for all our employees, but we want to share a special thank you and congratulations to recent retirees Toby Leavitt, Sondra Garcia and Cheryl Houser. On behalf of WREA and all our members, we thank you for your hard work and dedication throughout the years, "Congratulations and enjoy your well-deserved retirement!"

~ White River Electric Association

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