



MIDSTATE CONNECTION

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MESSAGE FROM CEO/GENERAL MANAGER

Help us protect Midstate's Reliable and Affordable Electricity

As a member of Midstate Electric Cooperative, you experience the benefits of hydropower. When you see the phrase "Hydropower flows here," it means most of the electricity in your home is provided by our region's rivers.

Hydropower is the most abundant energy source in the Northwest, and the lower Snake River dams—part of the Federal Columbia River Power System—supply this constant source of energy. Hydroelectric generators rapidly respond to increased power demands giving us the critical capacity to keep the power on during extreme weather events.

Hydropower supports our regional efforts to decarbonize power, electrify transportation, integrate wind and solar energy, and ensure vulnerable communities have access to low-cost power. Our electrical rates are among the lowest in the state and country because of our access to hydropower.

This valuable resource is now at risk as we face a political push to breach the dams. Washington Gov. Jay Inslee and Washington Sen. Patty Murry commissioned a study which is in favor of dam removal. The Biden administration's Council on Environmental Quality also reviewed the report and endorsed the removal of the lower Snake River dams.

Breaching the dams could mean an increase in electrical rates of up to \$230 per household annually. It can also lead to rolling blackouts, a 10% increase in carbon emissions, a strain on agriculture in the region and an increase flood risk.

Replacing the power from the four dams has the potential to cost ratepayers as well as taxpayers more than \$27 billion. Even if emerging technologies become available, we need the reliable, sustainable, and dependable energy from our dams.

Special interest groups have concluded that removing the four lower Snake River dams is the only means to protect salmon from extinction. These studies do not account for other factors affecting the salmon population.

A 2021 peer-reviewed study by National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Fisheries Science Center states ocean warming is the primary threat to chinook salmon survival. Another study documented that chinook salmon returns up and down the Pacific Coast of North America have been dwindling for the past 50 years, whether these salmon originated from rivers with dams or free-flowing rivers.

We fully recognize and support our

industry's shared responsibility for mitigating detrimental impacts to salmon from hydropower system operations. Bonneville Power Administration—our power supplier—partners with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation on hundreds of fish and wildlife programs each year to mitigate hydropower impacts. These efforts include fish-passage technology, which achieved a 96% survival objective for juvenile chinook salmon and steelhead. Regardless of which side you are on, the bottom line is that removing the lower Snake River dams would hurt Northwest families by raising electricity rates and increasing greenhouse gas emissions. Removing existing zero-carbon hydropower generation is a step in the wrong direction.

We must let our elected officials know that removal of these important resources will lead to the destabilization of our rural communities. Please join us in pledging to protect Northwest hydropower by signing up for Voices for Cooperative Power and saying no to breaching the dams at <https://voicesforcooperativepower.com/oregon>. **WE NEED YOU TO HELP PROTECT HYDROPOWER AND KEEP OREGON GREEN.**

Jim Anderson,
CEO, General Manager

Let's get connected on social media so you'll never miss an update on MEC activities, programs, and contests.





FORTH has partnered with Midstate Electric Co-op and Housing Works to bring a Chevy Bolt to La Pine for shared public use by residents in our community.

Forth is an Oregon-based nonprofit organization focused on clean transportation. Their goal is to provide access to affordable all-electric cars for Hawks View residents and community members to test drive or use for errands, shopping, or appointments. Carsharing is a system where individuals have access to a network of vehicles for short-term rental. You can view where cars are located and make reservations in a few simple steps using the carsharing app. With GoForth CarShare, the first ride is free, but there is a small hourly fee for each additional ride. Drivers must verify their license information prior to reserving a car. La Pine's Chevy Bolt can be found in Hawks View Estates off of Little Deschutes Ln.

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4. Reserve
5. Unlock & Drive
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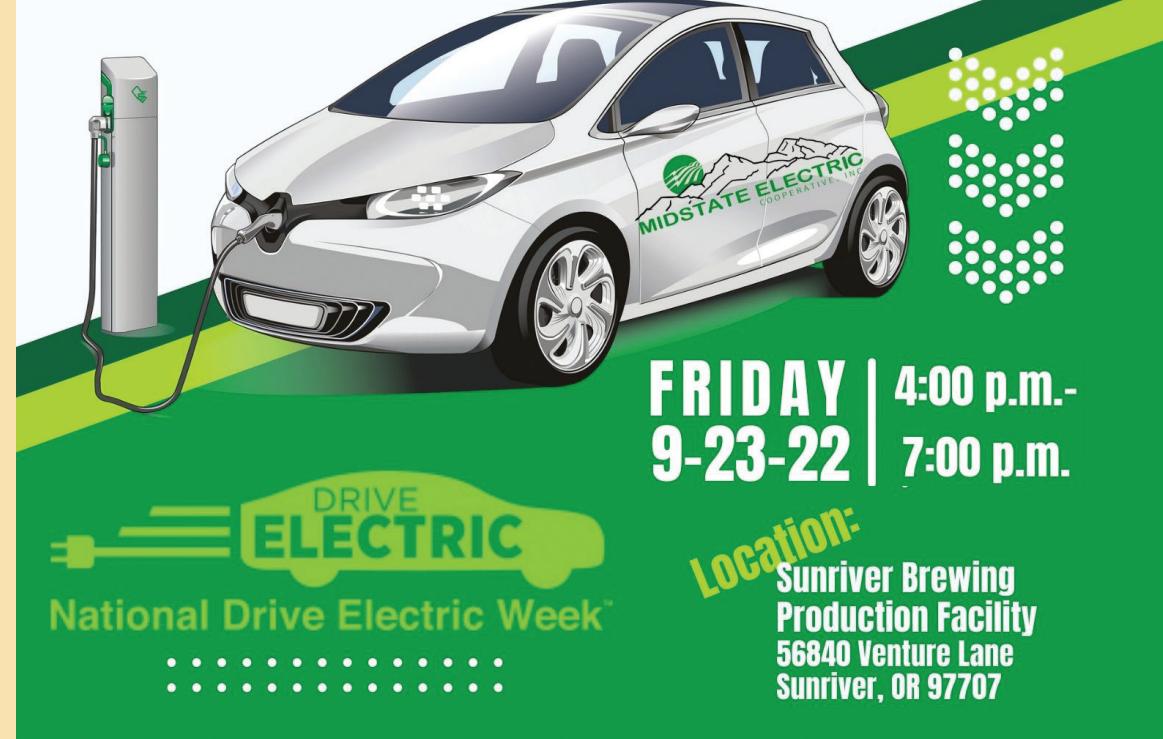
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9-23-22 | 7:00 p.m.**

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Sunriver, OR 97707



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