



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

MIDSTATE CONNECTION

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Join ————— “Voices for Cooperative Power” to Support Our Community

For nearly 8 decades, Oregon’s rural electric cooperatives have delivered renewable, reliable, and affordable electricity to their members. It is a record of which we are extremely proud. Yet, each year, Oregon cooperatives are subjected to mandates or other proposals that challenge our ability to deliver the electricity you need – when you need it – at a price you can afford.

Together as co-op members we need to make our voice heard in conversations on energy policies that impact not only our co-op services, but also the communities we call home. By joining ORECA-Action’s Voices for Cooperative Power, you’ll maximize your voice and become part of a growing team of electric cooperative advocates in the state of Oregon and nationally.

The policy decisions being made today disproportionately reflect the interests of

large utility companies in urban areas. Electric co-ops are built and run differently. As members and owners, we understand the distinct local challenges we face, and are uniquely responsive to our communities in ways that other utilities are not.

Our perspectives are important and deserve to be heard. United behind common priority issue areas, VCP members are working together to amplify the voices of electric co-op members across the country.

Speaking up on issues that impact electric co-ops sends a message to elected officials about the needs of our communities – and their constituencies. VCP gives you a platform to talk about the



many ways your electric co-op supports your community. Beyond delivering electricity, co-ops provide jobs, stability, and economic growth – all while ensuring that energy affordability and reliability remain foundational advantages of electric co-op membership.

VCP makes it easy to have a say in energy policy decisions that impact you. Here’s how you can get involved:

Sign up online here: <https://voicesforcooperativepower.com/register/>

70TH Annual Meeting

The 70th Annual Meeting of Midstate Electric Cooperative was held on Saturday, May 14, 2022. Results of the director election were announced. Garry Journey–District 3, and Gil Ernst–District 4, were unopposed. Bud Kendall was elected to represent District 6. These directors

will serve the MEC members for a three-year term. Board officers for 2022 are Vic Russell– President, Dick Luebke–Vice President and Tanna King–Secretary Treasurer. Other directors on the board include Ron Cass, Alan Parks, and Daniel Jansen.



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





7 Ways Residents Can Reduce the Risk that their Homes & Property Will Become Fuel for a Wildfire

1 CLEAR

Clear off pine needles, dead leaves & anything that can burn from your rooflines, gutters, decks, porches, patios & along fence lines. Falling embers will have nothing to burn.

2 TRIM

Trim back any shrubs or tree branches that come closer than 5 feet to the house and attachments, and any overhanging branches.

3 STORE AWAY

Store away furniture cushions, rattan mats, potted plants & other decoration from decks, porches & patios. These items catch embers and help ignite your home if you leave them outside.

4 RAKE

Embers landing in mulch that touches your house, deck or fence is a big fire hazard. Rake out any landscaping mulch to at least five feet away.

5 SCREEN & SEAL

Wind-borne embers can get into homes easily through vents & other opening and burn the home from the inside out. Walk around your house to see what openings you can screen or temporarily seal up.

6 REMOVE

Walk around your house and remove anything that could burn, such as woodpiles, spare lumber, vehicles, and boats – anything that can act as a large fuel source.

7 CLOSE

If ordered to evacuate, make sure all windows & doors are closed tightly, and seal up any pet doors. Many homes are destroyed by embers entering these openings and burning the house from the inside out.

NFPA has many more tips and safety recommendations on its websites, including www.firewise.org.



Congratulations to MEC Scholarship Recipients!

MEC awarded seven scholarships to members attending accredited colleges/ technical schools for the 2022- 2023 school year. Congratulations to this year's recipients:

- Jace Earls
- Makenzie Osborne
- Avery DeLuca
- Teagen De Forest
- Sierra Reisman
- Allison Welch
- Joseph Fogelman



Beat the Heat

Go See a Movie!

Movie theaters are some of the best places to cool off in the summertime, and as a member of Midstate Electric, you can take the whole family at a more affordable price. You have access to a free membership program that gives you national discounts on everyday expenses and activities like going to the movies. Sign up for your free membership at www.coonnections.coop and buy your discounted movie tickets online. Once you sign up, take some time to browse around the site to see all the other deals at your fingertips!

Submit your Photos for the Member Calendar Contest

We invite members to share their most beautiful, engaging, and fun photos for the chance to appear in our 2023 calendar. A total of 13 winners will be selected. Each monthly winner will receive \$50, and our cover photo winner will receive a grand prize of \$200. Digital submissions should be submitted online at www.mse.coop/calendar-contest along with supporting information. Printed submissions can be dropped off at our office or mailed to: Midstate Electric Marketing Department, PO Box 127 La Pine, OR 97739.



Submissions are accepted until Monday, August 15, 2022