

THE OUTLET

The Official Member Newsletter of CORE Electric Cooperative

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Help mitigate wildfire risk



Through CORE Protect, our wildfire mitigation program, CORE is committed to the mitigation of wildfire risk and protection of our members, employees and distribution system.

We encourage members – especially those served by overhead lines – to **take the following actions to help us reduce the risk of wildfire ignition and spread.**

- Survey your property and call us at (800) 332-9540 to report any vegetation that touches lines, transformers or other CORE equipment or facilities. Also report any vegetation that looks singed, browned or scorched by lines and equipment, even if it doesn't appear to be making contact at the time you report.
- Report any fully dead trees – evergreens that are completely brown, or trees that have no leaves or needles – or trees that appear to have rot and/or insects in them and looks tall enough to hit our lines and other equipment if they fall.
- Let us know about excessive vegetation around poles topped by transformers.
- Do not attempt to trim or clear vegetation near or touching CORE equipment. We will mitigate it free of charge.
- If you plan to plant any trees or other vegetation, place them so they will not grow to interfere with lines, transformers and other equipment.
- Do not plant any vegetation below CORE powerlines or in close proximity (20 feet) to CORE poles.
- No trees or shrubs should be planted within 10 feet of the front of underground equipment boxes, or 4 feet on other sides.
- Please let us know if you observe any CORE equipment that appears to be cracked, scorched, or otherwise damaged, and any lines that look frayed or detached.

Update your contact information

As a CORE member, you have several options to update your information and notification settings to ensure you **stay informed of planned outages and other important news.**

For members with a SmartHub account:

- Log into your SmartHub account with your credentials.
- Navigate to the “Report an Issue” section.
- Choose “Member Information Change” from the drop-down menu.
- Enter your updated email address and/or phone number.
- Click “Send” to submit your change request.

For members without a SmartHub account:

Contact a CORE Member Services Representative at (800) 332-9540 between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For more information on how you can manage your account, visit **www.CORE.coop > My Account > CORE Control.**

Director nomination forms due in February; voting opens in late March

As a member-owner of CORE Electric Cooperative, you have a voice. Members within each district elect a fellow member to serve a four-year term on CORE's Board of Directors. This year, **the board seats for Districts 3, 5 and 7 are up for election.**

Eligible candidates who want to run for CORE's Board of Directors must submit a written petition, signed by at least 15 members, to CORE by Tuesday, Feb. 25.

Electronic voting will open March 24, and printed ballots will be mailed not less than 30 days before the annual meeting to members in any district in which there is a contested election. Eligible voters who do not vote electronically or via mail can vote in-person Saturday, April 26, between 9 and 10 a.m., at CORE's headquarters in Sedalia. Voting by proxy is not permitted in director elections.

Additional election information, candidacy requirements and printable nomination petition forms are available at www.CORE.coop > **My Cooperative > Leadership > Director Elections.** Questions can be sent to elections@core.coop.

Elections schedule

- Feb. 25: Last day to submit director nomination petitions.
- March 12: Last day to submit nominee bios and position statements for inclusion in ballots.
- March 24: Electronic voting opens; printed ballots mailed to members who do not opt into electronic voting.
- April 25: Deadline for all electronic and mail ballots to reach the independent election vendor.
- April 26: Annual meeting and election.

Annual meeting is Saturday, April 26

The **annual meeting of the membership of CORE Electric Cooperative** will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 26, at CORE headquarters, 5496 N. U.S. Highway 85, Sedalia, CO 80135.

The meeting will include:

1. The presentation of reports covering the previous fiscal year.
2. Election of directors.
3. All other business that may properly come before the meeting.

Registration is from 9 to 10 a.m. the day of the meeting.

Promote electrical safety: CORE's poster contest for grades 1 through 5

CORE invites students in grades 1 through 5 to help us promote electrical safety through our **annual Electrical Safety Poster Contest.**

Artwork from all participants will be used as part of Electrical Safety Month in May. All artwork must include a tip, slogan or message about electrical safety.

It can be hand-drawn or digitally created, but must not include copyrighted images or content, or be created with the assistance of AI. The deadline to submit artwork is 5 p.m. Monday, March 31.

Visit www.CORE.coop > **My Community > Electrical Safety Poster Contest** for additional info and entry form.

