

THE OUTLET

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Understanding utility right-of-way

During outages and emergencies, CORE technicians need safe, unobstructed access to transformers, meters and poles.

What is a utility right-of-way?

A utility right-of-way is a designated area of land granted to utility companies for the installation and maintenance of utility equipment. This includes power lines, meters and transformers. Regular maintenance and prompt repairs help prevent service interruptions, address safety hazards and ensure all regulatory standards are met.

Authorized personnel

When CORE personnel visit a home or business for a service call, they always carry official CORE ID badges and arrive in marked CORE vehicles that clearly display our logo. In some cases, CORE partners with contractors to complete service work. If you are ever uncertain about the identity of someone who claims to represent CORE, do not hesitate to contact us at (800) 332-9540 to confirm.

How you can help keep equipment accessible

- Keep the right-of-way clear of obstructions such as fences, shrubs or parked vehicles. A clear working space of 4 feet must be maintained around the meter at all times.



- Utility easements should remain clear of encroachments, including but not limited to: Buildings, decks, monuments and other structures, air conditioning units, window wells, counter-forts, retaining walls and associated components.
- If you have locked gates, we kindly ask that you provide a gate code for access. Contact (800) 332-9540 to update your account.
- 10 feet of clearance must be maintained in front of transformers, and 15 feet around poles.

Thank you for your support in helping us carry out this important work. For more information, visit www.CORE.coop > **CORE and Your Property.**

Four simple steps for emergency preparedness

September is National Preparedness Month, a good reminder to take simple steps today that can help protect you and your loved ones during an emergency. Whether it's a wildfire or extended power outage, there are four key actions you can take to be prepared:

Know your risk

Know what could happen where you and your family live in order to keep your family safe.

Make a family emergency plan

Disasters are costly, but preparing for them doesn't have to be. Taking time to prepare now can give you peace of mind when the next disaster or emergency occurs.

Build an emergency supply kit

Having enough food, water and medicine can help you stay safe and comfortable until help arrives. Build a "go-bag" with all the essentials you might need.

Sign up for alerts

For immediate and up-to-date notifications, sign up for emergency alerts through your county.

You can find additional information on how to best prepare for potential disasters at www.Ready.gov.

Early detection technology strengthens wildfire response

CORE has invested in early detection technology through a growing network of Pano AI cameras. These cameras **automatically detect smoke and send real-time alerts** to CORE personnel and emergency responders.

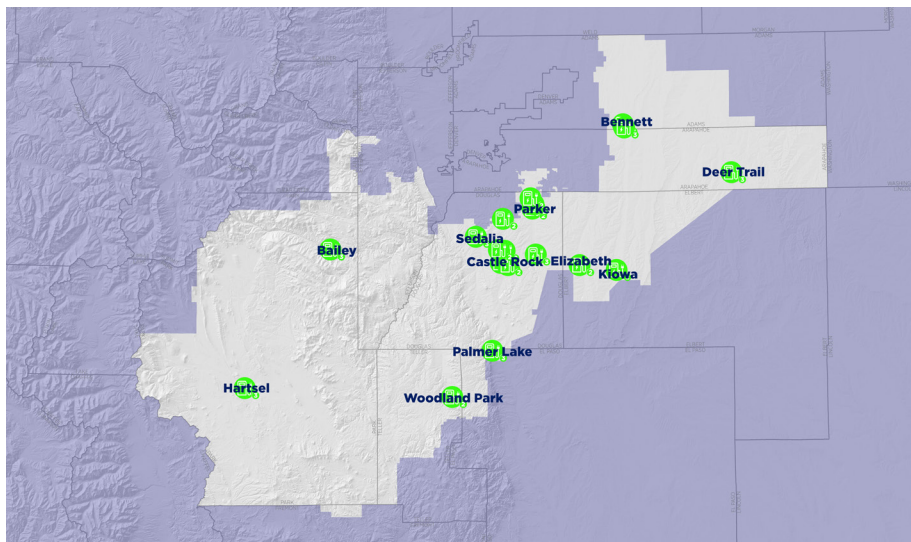
What began as a pilot program in 2023 has since expanded to nine cameras and significantly improved our ability to identify potential fire ignitions. CORE also partners with Xcel Energy to share data from an additional 13 cameras, further expanding visibility across our service area and providing early warning that is critical for response.



The data from these cameras is shared with local responding agencies at no cost.

These technologies are part of CORE's comprehensive wildfire

mitigation strategy; by combining advanced data, real-time monitoring and proactive investments, **we are strengthening our ability to reduce wildfire risk and respond quickly** when conditions change.



Map of publicly available Level 2 and Level 3 CORE charging stations in CORE's service area.

Celebrate Drive Electric Month

National Drive Electric Month is a month-long celebration of electric vehicles (EVs). To support growing electric vehicle ownership, CORE maintains a network of Level 2 and 3 EV chargers across our service area. All chargers are open to the general public, but **CORE members can enjoy a discounted rate** upon

enrollment in CORE's discounted driver group.

For a full list and locations of CORE public chargers, visit **www.CORE.coop > News and Resources > Electric Vehicles > Community Charge.**

Annual meeting set for April 17, 2027

The annual meeting of the membership of CORE Electric Cooperative will be held at **10 a.m. Saturday, April 17, 2027**, 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.

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

For more information visit **www.CORE.coop > My Cooperative > Notices and Documents.**