

CURRENT

HIGH PLAINS POWER



US Electric Co-ops support 600,000 Jobs annually

Operations: The Workplan

As a distribution cooperative, our crews do different types of work. Repairing outages is one, building new services is another and infrastructure maintenance is also part of the work plan. Each year leadership plans out what major projects need to be completed, what part of our infrastructure needs maintenance or upgrades and how we will budget for the work. The planned projects are important to the health of the grid and are a key part of keeping your electricity reliable.

Linemen do a lot of the work and are trained to operate heavy equipment, but depending on the scope of the project, other equipment operators are brought in to help get jobs done in a timely manner. Third party work is bid out each year, and operators are selected. Contractors that are interested in being added to that list can email us at customerservice@highplainspower.org.



Pictured on this page are line crew members from Dubois working with contracted heavy equipment operators to plow and build line in the Dubois area.

They are laying cable as they go and this is one of the infrastructure projects that line crews are assigned throughout the year. They are responsible for both overhead and underground builds.

The Line Superintendent and the foreman of each crew operate via the workplan and keep the projects on schedule in addition to daily maintenance and outage management. Post pandemic they also work closely with operations support to ensure that all needed materials are in stock and available, prior to the start of each project. This helps keep the projects on track and avoids delays that could have a ripple effect across crews and contractors.



DUBOIS CREW WORKING ON A PLOW JOB AND LAYING CABLE.

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WORLAND NORTH

There are many things that need to happen before a project starts. Materials must be ordered and their cost and delivery times confirmed, right of ways and contracts completed and crews and contractors scheduled for the project. All of these things require detailed communications and timing in order for a project to run smoothly and on time. And then there is the pre-staging of equipment and materials.

There is a project that is going on right now, north of Worland. This is an infrastructure project that will enable the grid to handle an increase in irrigation load. This project will be built in two parts, with the current upgrade to our lines on one side, and addressing the other piece next year.

Pictured on this page, are members of the Thermopolis crew and HPP warehousemen, delivering the materials needed for the Worland North project. They have prepped the inventory and are pre-staging materials for the contractors who are assisting in the build. The pre-stage phase of a project this size requires operations support and planning.

Once the project starts, there is constant communication and coordination between the Line Superintendent and the contractors.



MARYBELL'S MOTHER'S RECIPE FOR UNBAKED FRUIT CAKE

Recipe

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| 1 C. melted butter | 1 lb. graham crackers |
| 1 tsp. lemon juice | 1 C. figs, cut |
| 1 C. dates, cut | 1 C. chopped walnuts |
| 1 lb. dark raisins, chop | 2 tsp. vanilla |
| 1 lb. white raisins, chop | 1 pkg. fruit mix |
| 1 C. honey | 1 C. chopped pecans |

Mix everything, then press in pan. Let sit about 6 weeks. Keep covered, put into a glass sealed container.



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Happy Thanksgiving
to you and your family