

What's Up at the PUD?

Spring cleaning



That's right ... in spite of the 20-degree mornings and occasional snow, it is time to get going with the regular maintenance of our electrical distribution system so as to minimize the risk of outages in the winter or fires in the summer.

Beginning in late April we will have a tree-trimming/right-of-way clearing crew taking care of both danger trees and normal clearance issues adjacent to our lines. You will be hearing from the crew when they reach your area, or when trimming is needed near your home.

We will also have a man testing our poles to be sure they are sound and undamaged. He will also be marking any poles in need of replacement.

And then, there is the big one: the BPA system-wide maintenance outage, planned for Sunday, July 19th. The Ferry County Sheriff cancelled this outage last year due to concerns related to the Carlton Complex fire. This cancellation also set back planned 'hot-line' maintenance planned by the BPA for later in the summer. After this year's

outage is complete, the BPA should be able to give us a revised estimate of when these scheduled outages will be finished.

As you are about your own spring cleaning, if you run across a tree that may contact our power line, give us a call and we will have someone take a look.

As always, give me or your P.U.D. commissioner a call if you have any questions.

See you next month,

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