

# CURRENT NEWS



## What's Happening

Join us at our Annual Meeting on June 3 in Hazen!



**MAY 4**

Online voting opens for the Annual Meeting



**JUNE 3**

Roughrider Electric's Annual Meeting in Hazen



**JULY 1**

Operation Round Up application deadline

## Cooperative happenings

### Annual Reports arriving soon

Our Annual Report packet, which includes Annual Meeting details and voting instructions will be mailed in early May. This year at the Annual Meeting, members will vote for a Western, Central and Eastern District board delegate.

### RDFC grant funds available

The Rural Development Finance Corporation (RDFC) announced it has approved a 2026 grant allotment of \$2,000 to Roughrider Electric to be used to support community-owned entities, nonprofits and community-based projects. Read more on our RDFC webpage.

### Do you have a generator?

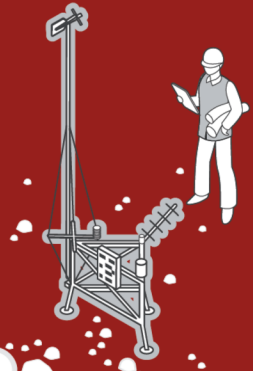
To help us better serve our members, we're asking you to call our office and let us know whether you have a generator on your property.

Read this month's issue of *North Dakota Living* and more by scanning the QR code or visiting our website.



# FIRE MITIGATION TOOLS

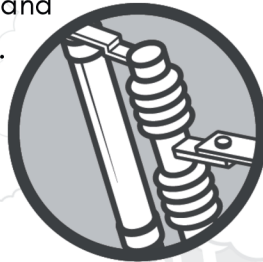
As the threat of wildfire increases nation wide, there are a number of new devices and technologies that are being developed to help rural electric utilities protect their local grids. Today, our cooperative focuses on key factors with the most important being vegetation management, including regular tree trimming and clearing brush away from power lines.



Looking to the future, there are new technologies that can help us enhance prevention of fires and respond.

## NON-EXPULSION FUSES

Replace conventional fuses, which can expel hot gases and molten metal when tripped.

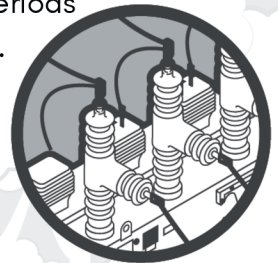


## WEATHER FORECASTING

High-resolution monitoring and analysis to inform operational decisions.

## SMART SWITCHES

Allow grid sections to be de-energized during periods of high wildfire danger.



## SATELLITE AND DRONE IMAGING

High-resolution imaging can improve vegetation management.



## DUCTILE IRON AND COMPOSITE POLES

Non-wood materials offer greater resistance to fire.



## ADVANCED LINE SENSING

Real-time monitoring of power flow, line temperature and fault location to enable faster response to an event.



## POLE AND CONDUCTOR WRAPPING

Fire-resistant covers protect poles and wires

