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CEO'S BOARD MEETING BULLETIN



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MPE AIDS IN SAFE RESPONSE TO WINDY GAP FIRE

MPE system remains at higher sensitivity setting due to ongoing risk of wildfires

During the Operations Report to the Board, there was a discussion of MPE's proactive response to the Windy Gap Fire that occurred just outside of Granby.

On August 6, at incident command following the fire being reported, MPE leadership worked closely with first responders and our transmission partners—Tri-State and Western Area Power Administration (WAPA)—to coordinate public safety power shutoffs and request the de-energization of transmission lines near the fire. These shutoffs helped prevent the wildfire's spread and protected firefighters on the ground.

Our response also included de-energizing the substation located on the hill at Windy Gap Reservoir, an important part of MPE's distribution system. MPE's operations staff—including

linemen, substation technicians, and dispatchers—worked tirelessly behind the scenes to re-route power and either keep electricity on or restore it quickly in the event of outages.

Although this level of switching highlights the strength and resiliency of MPE's system design, MPE remains committed to further wildfire mitigation efforts through legislative advocacy, infrastructure improvements, and dedicated wildfire programs.

MPE's system continues to be at the higher sensitivity setting because our area remains at elevated wildfire risk. This "one-shot" setting automatically shuts off power to a circuit when contact is made with a line. While the system is in this mode, members may experience more frequent blinking lights or temporary outages.

Other Board Meeting Items

- Following the Board Meeting at the Kremmling Area Chamber of Commerce, the Board and MPE staff prepared and served hot dog dinners to families attending West Grand School District's Back2School Night at the high school. The event was co-sponsored by MPE and Guzman Energy. Upcoming MPE community events include:
 - 5th Quarter Event at MPE's headquarters on August 29, following the 7 p.m. Middle Park High School football game.
 - Member Appreciation Event from 7–10 a.m. on September 3 at Granby's Polhamus Park, featuring tethered hot air balloon rides (weather permitting), free breakfast, EV and e-bike test rides, and more.
- Coffee with MPE: Four events hosted at coffee shops in Fraser, Kremmling, Grand Lake, and Granby. See www.MPEI.com/Events.
- The September 11 Board Meeting will be held at the Jerlin Wattenberg Event Center (686 JCR 42 in Walden), starting at 10 a.m. Area members are invited to attend and participate in the Member Comments portion, which typically takes place within the first 20 minutes.

The Board Meeting Bulletin summarizes highlights from the recent MPE Board Meeting. MPE Board Meetings are open to the public, and agendas, minutes, and more information can be found at www.mpei.com/board-meetings or by contacting memberrelations@mpei.com.