

# CURRENT NEWS



## What's Happening

Our Operation Round Up application deadline is July 16. Visit our website for details.



### JULY 3

Offices closed in observance of Independence Day



### JULY 16

Operation Round Up application deadline

## Cooperative happenings

### Sarsland embarks on Youth Tour journey

Slope Electric's Youth Tour recipient, Anna Sarsland, will be in Washington, D.C. for the Youth Tour this month. Follow along her journey on our social media.

### RDFC grant funds available

The Rural Development Finance Corporation (RDFC) announced it has approved a 2026 grant allotment of \$2,000 to Slope Electric to be used to support community-owned entities, nonprofits and community-based projects. Read more on our website, [www.slopeelectric.coop](http://www.slopeelectric.coop), under the RDFC page.

### Energy efficiency tip

To adapt to seasonal changes, adjust your ceiling fan's rotation: clockwise during winter to distribute warm air and counterclockwise in summer to create a cooling effect. Proper use can enhance comfort and allow for thermostat adjustments that save energy.

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



# POWER OUTAGES & BLINKS



**If you experience a power outage, please call us at 800-559-4191.**

The more members who report an outage, the better our outage management system can pinpoint the location of the issues. This helps our crews respond faster and more efficiently.

## STEPS TO RESTORE POWER

**1 AN OUTAGE IS REPORTED** A member calls in to notify Slope Electric that they are without power.

**2 CREWS ARE DEPLOYED** Crews travel to assess the situation and restore power.

**3 CREWS RESTORE POWER:**

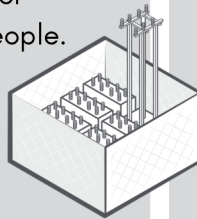
### FIRST CREWS RESTORE POWER TO TRANSMISSION LINES

These lines carry large amounts of electricity. They rarely fail but must be repaired first.



### NEXT RESTORING DISTRIBUTION SUBSTATIONS

Crews inspect substations, which can serve hundreds or thousands of people.



### THEN MAIN DISTRIBUTION LINES

Main lines serve essential facilities like hospitals and larger communities.



### INDIVIDUAL HOMES AND BUSINESSES

After main line repairs are complete, we repair lines that serve individual homes and businesses.



## COMMON CAUSES OF POWER OUTAGES



**Weather** | High winds, snow and ice can cause tree limbs to fall on power lines. Other weather effects like wildfires and lightning can cause major damage to equipment.



**Accidents** | Vehicles can crash into utility poles, bringing down power lines. Construction and excavation work can also result in disruptions to underground lines.



**Critters** | Squirrels, birds, snakes and other animals inadvertently contact power lines, causing short circuits and disruptions to electric supply.