

Operations Update: Transitioning From Summer to Winter Projects



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Season's greetings from the Operation Department! The mild temperatures this fall allowed us to continue our construction season well into December. We hope the weather stays moderate enough to wrap things up this winter.

Crews are still working on a few summer projects in the Mayfield area. They are removing old cabinets from the road move on SD HWY 46. Also, they are pulling and retiring poles from our overhead to underground projects in the Northeast part of our system.

This summer, RAM Utilities completed our annual pole inspection. We test all our poles on a 10 year rotating schedule. Pole testing increases the reliability and safety of our electric system, and it is one of the many ways we increase safety for our employees and our members. This year RAM Utilities inspected 1,627 poles and only 11 of those were rejected.

Upcoming projects for this winter include line patrol of 1/3 of our system, changing out and servicing about 70 Oil Circuit Reclosers (OCRs), and continuing our meter change outs.

To wrap up, I have a few reminders. Please use caution when moving snow and remember to not pile snow on or in front of any of our power cabinets. This may cause long outage times if we need to move snow to get to our equipment.

Also, please let us know about any upcoming projects ASAP! Due to the national shortages and long lead times, it is extremely important that you contact us early so that we have enough material on hand.



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