



# PRECorp News

MARCH 2020

## Thank a Lineman in April

PRECorp linemen serve on the front lines of our member's energy needs, and on April 13, 2020, PRECorp, along with other electric cooperatives across Wyoming and the country, will honor the brave men and women who work hard to keep the lights on.

Line crews work around the clock, sometimes in difficult and dangerous conditions, to keep power flowing to our local communities. Whether they're restoring power after a major storm or maintaining critical infrastructure to our electric system, lineworkers are at the heart of our co-op.

When a storm hits, they set aside their personal priorities because Mother Nature doesn't work around holidays, vacations and birthdays. A service-oriented mentality is one of the many admirable characteristics of an electric lineworker.

Throughout the year, PRECorp members take the time to honor them on the PRECorp Facebook page with many grateful comments during outage events.

If you haven't had the chance to send good wishes, feel free to do so anytime, but especially during Lineman Appreciation Week in April. On April 13, you can use #ThankALineworker on social media to show your support for the brave men and women who power our lives.

**You've got friends...**



**...in high places.  
Lineman Appreciation Day  
April 13, 2020**



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**MIKE EASLEY,**  
CEO

## Our Vision:

We will be pioneers of excellence in the Cooperative Network while delivering extraordinary value to our members, embracing a visionary outlook, leveraging accelerating technologies, empowering our team and engaging our membership.

## Our Purpose:

Positively influencing and improving lives for those we serve by providing reliable energy and services while paving the way for access and affordability.

## Our Moonshot:

Drive down costs so that the first megawatt hour of energy usage is at or near zero by 2050.

You might be wondering why the Electrical Cooperative network - which spans 56% percent of the nation's land mass and serves 42 million people in 88% of the nation's counties - picks a day in April to recognize our Linemen. In Wyoming our Governor signs a proclamation each year recognizing the efforts that linemen across Wyoming make in order to keep our lights on. Much like our more traditional first responders (fire, police, medical), our line crews go unnoticed until they are needed.

Linemen are a great example of service before self, and exemplify some of the best qualities of the cooperative's commitment to community. It takes all types of people doing all types of jobs across the nation's cooperative network to keep the lights on for rural America, but the lineman position is a common bond between the over 68,000 people employed by cooperatives nationally.

I am the proud father of one of these linemen. My son Tyson lives in Bismarck, ND, and works for an electrical utility there. When my son was little, he was always around line crews and was enamored with the "big trucks" as he used to say. He decided to become a lineman just out of high school, and I could not have been more proud.

The cooperative network is great place for people to work. In addition to the lineman positions, there are great technical and administrative positions like engineers, accountants, specialists in member service, information technology, communications and marketing, and other general business positions. Working at a cooperative is a great choice and can lead to a very fulfilling career.

PRECorp's team is 125 people strong and our team is passionate about serving you and working together to keep the lights on in northeast Wyoming. Keeping a system of over 100,000 poles that creates a network of 10,000 miles of line covering 15,000 square miles is no small task. The PRECorp team is in a constant mode of maintaining, operating, and constructing so that our system delivers cost-effective and reliable energy services, no matter what.

Good weather, bad weather, day or night, the entire PRECorp team is here to serve you and to help maintain the quality of life electricity brings to towns and our rural areas. We consider it a privilege to serve you and to work hand in hand to make northeast Wyoming an even better place to live, work, and play.

*Mike*



PRECorp file photo

Wyoming Gov. Mark Gordon, center, stands with PRECorp Linemen Keith Sarkinen and Randy Himle during a Lineman Appreciation Day proclamation signing event in Cheyenne in 2019.

6th Annual

# 2020 Apprentice Lineman Scholarship Banquet



**SATURDAY, APRIL 18 - 5 P.M.**  
**GILLETTE CAM-PLEX FRONTIER HALL**

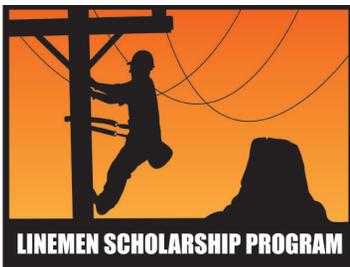
**5 p.m. - Social hour, no-host bar**

**6 p.m. - Prime Rib Dinner**

**Auction - Following dinner, there will be raffles and auction opportunities for many guns and other prizes.**

**EVENT TICKETS:**  
**\$50 per person**  
Call Bruce Olson at  
**307-680-4747**  
or Alyssa Himle at  
**307-257-9693**

**Buy a banquet ticket and get a chance to win a commemorative rifle!**



**LINEMEN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

### Why donate?

Help us maintain a scholarship fund for future generations. Help us provide funds for scholarships for locally-grown apprentices who live, work, and contribute to our northeast Wyoming communities.

Keep our best and brightest in our communities where they can be active citizens and leaders. Train quality and hard-working linemen that provide safe and affordable electricity to rural northeast Wyoming.

This program is an employee-based initiative that supports the cooperative's mission and vision of being an employer of choice throughout the region and enhance service to our member/owners.

The Apprentice Lineman Scholarship Program is administered through the Powder River Energy Foundation, the charitable arm of Powder River Energy Corporation.



## SPECIAL DRAWING!

Special limited-entry drawing for a Street Legal  
**2020 Polaris Ranger 1000 Side-By-Side.**  
**\$100 per ticket with only 250 tickets sold!**

**For tickets call Bruce at 307-680-4747 or Alyssa at 307-257-9693.**

### Others to contact:

**Campbell County:**  
Randy Himle, Brad DeLong, Justin Dooley, Rich Halloran

**Crook/Weston Counties:**  
Brandon Veil, Eric Anderson, Rick Gill, Rod Malo, TC Mulloy, Rob Heiman

**Sheridan/Johnson Counties:** Travis Geis, Bruce Burr, Mike Bingham



**Street Legal!**

**From Peak Power Sports of Sheridan.**

Drawing will take place April 18, 2020, if 150 tickets are sold. The drawing will be held later once 150 tickets are sold. Need not be present to win.

# WIN 25 LBS OF MEAT.



More than  
\$1 million in  
donations to date!



In appreciation for your participation in Operation RoundUp®, Powder River Energy and the Powder River Energy Foundation are entering members and new enrollees each quarter in a drawing for a chance to win one of four 25-lb. mixed bundles of locally-grown 4-H beef and pork.

Funds from the Operation RoundUp®, and other sources, have enabled the Powder River Energy Foundation to financially help drive more than \$1 million in assistance to local food pantries, senior and veteran needs, and other charitable causes here in northeast Wyoming.

If you are currently enrolled in Operation RoundUp® you are automatically entered in the drawing. If you are not a member of Operation RoundUp®,

**SIGN UP BY MARCH 31** by calling PRECorp at 1-800-442-3630;

or by checking the box on the return stub on your bill.

**The drawing will be held Wednesday, April 1.**



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