



Snail Mail

You've heard the saying of snail mail – mail going through the Post Office as opposed to email. Here at Big Horn REA, we've found that adage to be more and more appropriate, as mail is taking longer and longer to get where it's going.

We have had many members call the office after receiving a Courtesy Notice saying, "But I mailed my payment a week ago! It only has to go 30 miles!" The Post Office has changed their business practice – all mail now has to go through Casper before it gets to its final destination. So even though you might mail your payment from Greybull, it has to go

to Casper and then back to Basin before it ends up in our mail box.

In order to avoid any late charges that may occur due to mail not getting to the correct location in a timely manner, Big Horn REA would like to recommend that you mail your payment at least 10 days prior to the due date. Other options available are

ACH or automatic withdrawal payments, or online or over-the-phone payments.

If you would be interested in one of these other forms of payment, please call our office at (800)564-2419 and we would be happy to help you out, or you can find these options on our website – www.bighornrea.com.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Reduce energy for water heating. Take simple steps like lowering your water heater's temperature and installing low-flow showerheads to reduce your water heating bills.

Source: energy.gov

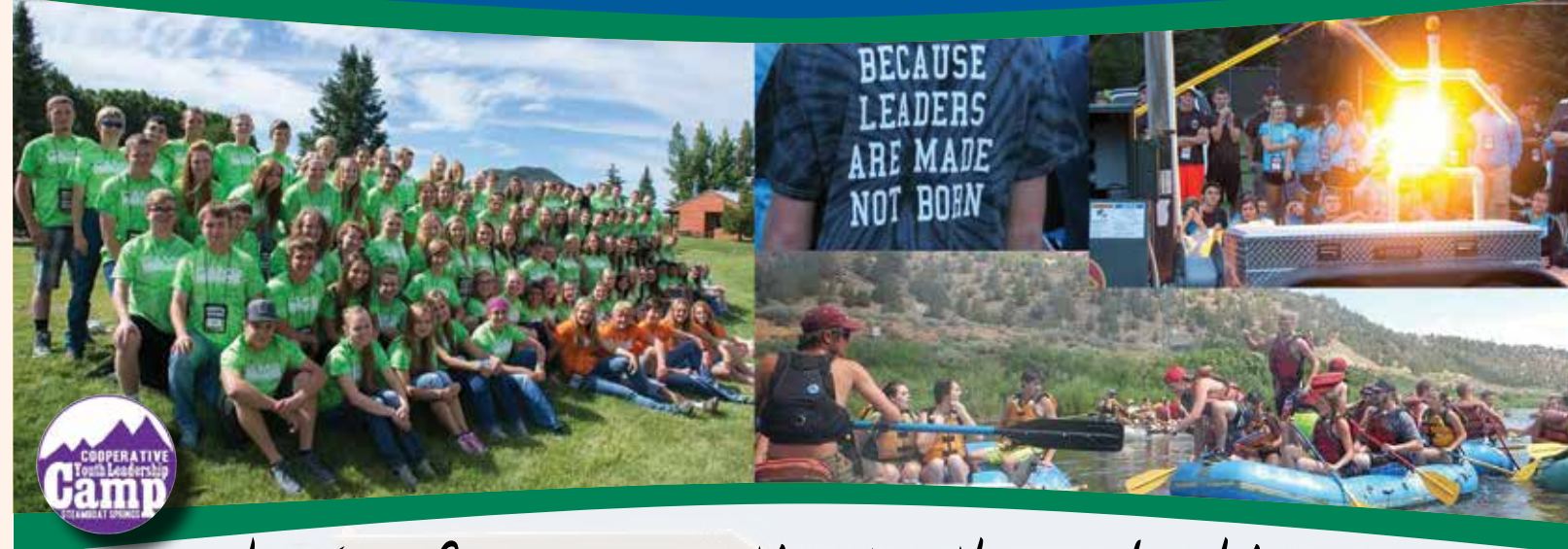


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Apply Now for Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp

For nearly three decades the electric cooperatives of Colorado, Kansas, and Wyoming have conducted an outstanding educational seminar known as the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp. Every July, nearly 100 high school students travel to Clark, Colorado (north of Steamboat Springs) after being selected by their local cooperatives as participants.

The primary objective of the camp is to provide an educational experience for young people on the organization and operation of a cooperative. The seminar strives to help develop leadership skills that will assist students with the

challenges they will face in the future.

The best way to learn about cooperatives is to form one, and that is what the participants do. When students arrive the first day, they form a cooperative and elect a board of directors. Each member of the cooperative is expected to take part in the workings of the co-op by seeking election to the board or by serving on one of the camp activity committees.

A number of special presentations are highlighted at the camp including electricity safety, leadership skills, avian protection, and a simulation to help students

understanding the legislative process. The group will visit the Craig Station Power Plant and the Trapper Coal Mine which supplies Craig.

Of course, there is plenty of time for recreation. Glen Eden Resort has a volleyball court, swimming pool, hot tubs, and tennis courts. There will be a dance, pizza parties, banquet, a trip to the top of Mt. Warner, time to explore Steamboat Springs, and a raft trip down the Colorado River.

If interested, please contact Sheila Kampbell at Big Horn REA, 1-800-564-2419 or visit our website www.bighornrea.com.

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After 5 p.m., weekends and holidays all calls will be answered by our professional answering service, who will contact the appropriate person(s).

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CLOSED

Veteran's Day is Nov 11. THANK YOU VETERANS!
In observance, our office will be closed.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING.
Our office will be closed November 26-27.
Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

HAPPY Thanksgiving

Manager's Message

Last Call, Last Chance!

Not exactly, but hopefully the heading got your attention.

Over the next several months, your Board of Directors will be reviewing information for approving a construction work plan and the 2016 budget. You have an opportunity to be involved with your cooperative. Big Horn wants to know if you have a potential for new or additional service load requirements within the next several years. It is important for Big Horn to gather this information as it can be utilized in our construction work plans. Providing this

information will also benefit you because we can make plans to upgrade the electrical facilities to meet any new or additional load growth of services. For example, an irrigator may plan on adding several three phase pumps to an area where there is currently only single phase. If system upgrades are planned for, then Big Horn can commit financial and operational resources for upcoming projects in order to serve the needed facilities. Otherwise, a request by an applicant for a service that would require a line conversion (i.e. from single phase to three phase power), line change, line upgrade and or a system facility betterment may require the applicant to pay the entire cost. In other words, it may pay to keep Big Horn in "the loop".

You can submit information to Big Horn by completing and mailing the Project Planning Sheet on the next page or by logging on to www.bighornrea.com and then go to Services Tab, then Proposed Projects, then Project Planning Sheet. The information needs to be submitted by December 1, 2015!

We want to know your service requirements and plans! Additionally we want to be included early in your plans. That is, if you are planning on adding or changing facilities regarding electrical needs, such as a bin dryer, irrigation motor, or home upgrade, please contact us so that we can review your electrical requirements. We will be able to determine if facilities are available and if necessary order materials so that your service can be completed in a timely manner.

Thanks for your patronage and be safe.

Proposed Project Planning Sheet 2015

Contact information

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

PROPOSED PROJECT INFORMATION

Location- i.e. Street address, highway, or county road

Load requirements: *check or circle all that apply*

Single phase Three phase Voltage: 120/240 120/208 277/480 240/480 other: _____

Estimated Horsepower: _____ OR Estimated KW: _____

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE

check all that apply

IRRIGATION PUMP/ PIVOT GRAIN BIN SUBDIVISION INDUSTRIAL/ COMMERCIAL

Estimated Date of Construction: _____

Comments: _____

Complete, detach and mail to: Big Horn REA, Box 270, Basin, WY 82410

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