



Chugach taking steps to mitigate potential wildfire hazards

With the current dry weather conditions and high fire danger, Chugach is taking steps to mitigate wildfire risks in its service territory, some of which could lengthen power outage times.

Chugach is taking temporary measures to power line operations in the Anchorage Bowl, Tyonek, and Northern Kenai Peninsula. Crews will also be stepping up tree clearing on the Anchorage Hillside as long as the fire danger remains high.

The changes to power line operations include the response to re-energizing a power line. Under normal conditions, Chugach's lines are re-energized automatically following a short-circuit. Often, if the short-circuit is temporary in nature, this action will remove the short-circuit and restore power almost immediately. However, during the current dry weather conditions, Chugach will let the circuit stand open until Chugach's line personnel can physically patrol an outage area before a line is placed back into service. This temporary change in how we respond could lead to longer outage times.

Join us for Member Appreciation Day - Oct. 4

Chugach members are invited to join us for a hot dog BBQ and visit with Chugach staff and co-op friends between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm on Friday, Oct. 4 at the Chugach Headquarters, 5601 Electron Drive.

Stop by to learn about various topics from battery operated power tools to energy efficiency. Take the kids on a bucket truck ride or hop on an electric bike.

Learn about one of the most fuel-efficient power plants in Alaska. Southcentral Power Project



Swan Lake fire

Additionally, Chugach is working with its tree clearing contractor to increase efforts on the Anchorage Hillside to clear dead and dangerous trees from the right-of-way. Crews will be looking for potential problem areas and clearing trees under or near power lines. If trees are outside of the right-of-way and considered a potential hazard, crews will work with property owners to secure permission before clearing a tree.

Chugach will return power line operations to normal as soon as weather and conditions permit. If you see trees close to, or in contact with, Chugach powerlines, please report them to the danger tree hotline (907) 762-7227.

tours will start at 10:00am, 11:00am, 12:00pm & 1:00pm. Registration for the tour is required as tour space is limited. Sign up for the tour on Chugach's website: www.chugachelectric.com.



A drawing will be held for a chance to win a DeWALT 5-Tool Combo Kit. Members can enter the drawing at the event or online starting on Oct. 4. The winner will be contacted during the week of Oct. 7.

Emergency communications enhanced



A mobile communications trailer is the latest addition to Chugach's emergency preparedness. The trailer will be utilized in emergency situations to establish wireless communications with any one of our several communication sites.

In the event of a major outage after a big storm or natural disaster, it can be used to reestablish critical data and voice communications. In an event with major damage, the trailer can be moved to a safe and secure site. The unit is equipped with a standby generator and a 60-foot extendable tower. {191320661}

National Drive Electric Week

- Chugach's EV Wattson will be at the South Anchorage Farmers' Market in front of the Dimond Center Hotel - Sept. 18 10am - 2pm.
- Chugach will be presenting at the Clean Power Happy Hour - Sept. 24 at the 49th State Brewing Company - 6pm - 8pm.



Volunteers needed for Annual Meeting committees

Chugach is looking for members to serve on its Annual Meeting committees. A successful meeting depends upon volunteers who staff the Nominating, Bylaws, and Election committees. The next Annual Meeting is Monday, June 15, 2020.

Interested members will need to submit an application and conformance form. For more

information call 762-4177, or visit Chugach's website at www.chugachelectric.com. Applications are due Oct. 22, 2019.



IN THE COMMUNITY Utility news

Chugach participated in a utility panel at the August luncheon of the Builders Owners and Managers Association of Anchorage. Corporate Communications Sr. Manager Julie Hasquet joined representatives from Anchorage Water & Wastewater Utility and ENSTAR talking about rates and major projects at the utilities.



Laundry Tip: Use rubber or wool dryer balls, which help separate clothing in the cycle, providing better airflow and a shorter drying time. Wool dryer balls can help absorb moisture, which also reduces drying time.



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