

Progress on Girdwood to Indian Transmission Line rebuild

The Girdwood to Indian Transmission Line rebuild project is making good progress as activities will take a brief pause during July. For the past several months, the project construction contractor, Northern Powerline Constructors, has installed the new structures and conductor for approximately six out of the 12 miles of the rebuild.

This project involves replacing the transmission line between the Girdwood and Indian Substations. The transmission line was built 60 years ago, and the equipment is at the end of its service life. The project is part of a larger effort that began in

2004 to rebuild the transmission line from Anchorage to Cooper Landing.

One of the highlights in June was the use of a Chinook (C-47) helicopter to lift and set new structures weighing up to 24,000 pounds at various points along the Seward Highway. In July, construction activities will pause for the month to ensure traffic is not impacted during key fishing and other activities to the south. Work will begin again in August to install the new structures along the coast between Bird Point and Girdwood.

For more information:
girdwoodtoindianrebuild.com



Right-of-Way clearing on the Anchorage Hillside and in Girdwood

Chugach's right-of-way clearing department is working on the Anchorage Hillside and in Girdwood this summer. To provide safe and reliable electricity to our members, we have a year-round program to remove trees and other vegetation from our easements. Working with our contractor, Carlos Tree Service, members are notified in advance of clearing in your area.

Trees falling into power lines are one of the leading causes of power outages. Keeping the easements clear reduces tree-related outages, reduces the danger of wildfires, and allows crews safe access to restore power after an outage or perform maintenance when required. Members are encouraged to keep the easement clear of decks, sheds, and other personal property that impede access for our linemen.

Chugach has also temporarily disabled automatic reclosing when short circuits are experienced on



power lines in North Muldoon, the Anchorage Hillside, and communities to the south. With the warm, dry weather, circuits will be left open until line personnel can physically patrol an outage to ensure there are no potential fire hazards on a power line. This temporary change can lead to longer outage times.

For more information, go to: chugachelectric.com/right-of-way-clearing {191365460}

Chugach supports Girdwood wood lot



On June 15, the Chugach tree trimmers spent several hours running a wood lot in Girdwood. Locals brought tree limbs to be mulched that had come down in heavy snow this past winter.



Truckloads of wood chips were then delivered to the Girdwood Forest Fair and the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center. Thank you to Girdwood Fire and Rescue for helping organize and promote the event.

Parking lot upgrade underway

The member parking lot upgrade at our headquarters building on Electron Drive is well underway. Over the summer months we are replacing the asphalt and subgrade, replacing the storm drain system, upgrading lighting, and improving access for people with disabilities.

Thank you to our members for accommodating the improvement project by parking in temporary member parking and using the access tunnel to the lobby. A payment drop box and electric vehicle charging will return when the project is complete later this summer.



In the community | Alaska Run for Women

Chugach employee Team High Voltage raised nearly \$1,000 for breast cancer awareness, research, and support programs by participating in the 2024 Alaska Run for Women. Way to go!



CHUGACH EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

From Engineering to Operations to Member Services, all of Chugach's roughly 450 employees live and work in Alaska.

Each month we introduce you to one of our employees who works every day to provide safe, reliable power to our members.



Name: Jake Lodinoff

Position: Project Manager

Time at Chugach: 9 months

Jake says he enjoys the culture at Chugach because everyone is super nice and helpful. He says the most challenging part of his job is the commute, since he travels to and from Kenai each day.



Washing clothes with cold water can cut a load's energy use by more than half. Your washing machine will use the same amount of energy no matter the size of the clothes load, so fill it up when you can. Loads will dry faster and more evenly if you separate heavier cottons like linens and towels from lightweight clothing.

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