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NEWS RELEASE: Eastern Idaho electric utility files application seeking approval of wildfire mitigation plan.

BOISE (Jan. 26, 2026) – Rocky Mountain Power has submitted an application to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission seeking approval of its 2026-2028 wildfire mitigation plan (WMP). The plan includes information on vegetation management, technology being used to improve situational awareness and equipment upgrades, among other items.

Electric utilities file the plans with the Commission pursuant to the Wildfire Standard of Care Act (WSCA). The WSCA requires the Commission to annually approve wildfire mitigation plans for investor-owned utilities. Municipal and cooperative utilities, which are not regulated by the Commission, may also submit plans for the Commission's review.

Under the WSCA, if a wildfire results in a lawsuit against an electric utility, there is a presumption the utility acted without negligence if it reasonably implemented a Commission-approved mitigation plan.

Each utility's WMP includes identifying areas where the utility has infrastructure or equipment that it considers may be subject to heightened wildfire risk at the time the mitigation plan is finalized by the utility, actions and programs the utility will take to reduce wildfire risk, community outreach and public awareness efforts the utility will use before, during and after wildfire season to inform the public of relevant wildfire risk as well as efforts to notify the public of wildfire-related outages, among other items.

Rocky Mountain Power said it is forecasting an additional \$13.9 million in wildfire mitigation investments through 2028, including \$8.1 million in capital expenditures.

Commission staff, Rocky Mountain Power and intervenors to the case will start the process of creating a record that, once completed, will be submitted to the Commission for its consideration. Intervenors are allowed to participate in the proceedings for applications filed with the Commission.

Additional information is available at: puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7672.