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NEWS RELEASE: Commission is accepting written comments on northern Idaho electric utility's application seeking approval of wildfire mitigation plan.

**BOISE (Feb. 4, 2026)** – The Idaho Public Utilities Commission is accepting written comments on an application submitted by Avista Utilities seeking approval of its 2026 wildfire mitigation plan (WMP). The plan details work the electric utility is doing to reduce the risk of wildfires.

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. 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 WMP.

Each electric utility's plan includes identifying areas where the utility has infrastructure or equipment that it considers may be subject to heightened risk of wildfire at the time the WMP 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.

Avista's WMP includes information on geographic risk assessment, fire detection equipment, hourly fire risk modeling as well as distribution and transmission line construction strategies designed to prevent spark ignitions. The plan also includes information on vegetation management and wildfire preparedness exercises, among other items.

The Commission is accepting written comments on Avista's WMP until April 16, 2026. Comments are required to be filed through the Commission's website or by e-mail unless computer access is not available. To submit comments through the website, visit [puc.idaho.gov](http://puc.idaho.gov) and click on the "Case Comment Form" link on the upper left side of the page. Please use case number AVU-E-25-15 when filling out the form. Comments submitted through e-mail should be sent to the e-mail addresses listed below. Commenters are required to include their name, address and case number AVU-E-25-15. If computer access is not available, comments can be mailed to the Commission and Avista Utilities at the addresses listed below. Commenters are required to include their name, address and case number AVU-E-25-15 in correspondence.

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Additional information on Avista's application is available at: [puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7660](http://puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7660).