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NEWS RELEASE: Idaho Public Utilities Commission Accepting Written Comments On Northern Lights Inc. Wildfire Mitigation Plan.

BOISE (May 4, 2026) – The Idaho Public Utilities Commission is accepting written comments on an application submitted by Northern Lights Inc. seeking approval of the utility’s 2026-2028 wildfire mitigation plan (WMP). The plan offers information on work the utility is doing to reduce the risk of wildfires in its service area.

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 WMPs for investor-owned electric 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. Municipal and cooperative electric utilities, which are not regulated by the Commission, may voluntarily submit plans for the Commission’s review.

Northern Lights said its WMP addresses the unique features of its service territory, such as topography, weather, infrastructure, grid configuration and areas most prone to wildfire risks. The plan includes information on the maintenance of the utility’s transmission and distribution assets as well as the management of vegetation, among other items.

The Commission is accepting written comments on the utility’s WMP until June 10, 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 and click on the “Case Comment Form” link on the upper left side of the page. Please use case number C10-E-26-01 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 C10-E-26-01. If computer access is not available, comments can be mailed to the addresses listed below. Commenters are required to include their name, address and case number C10-E-26-01 in correspondence.

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Additional information on Northern Lights' application is available at:
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