

WILDFIRE MITIGATION PLAN

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

In recent years, the west has experienced wildfire seasons that have resulted in more fires of greater duration and intensity than in years past. There have been several instances in which an electric utility system has been shown to cause or contribute to these fires.

This Wildfire Mitigation Plan has been developed in order to document the Northern Wasco County PUD (NWCPUD) response to this growing regional concern, and to outline the steps that will be taken to protect our people, our assets, and the communities in which we operate.

1.1 Policy Statement

NWCPUD's Mission is to provide reliable, competitively priced energy and related services that benefit our customers in the tradition of public power. NWCPUD strives to design, construct, operate, and maintain its electrical lines and equipment in alignment with this Mission, and in a manner that minimizes the risk of wildfire ignition.

1.2 Purpose

The Wildfire Mitigation Plan describes the wildfire risk assessment process, mitigation strategies, and response protocols used to minimize the probability of wildfire ignition from NWCPUD's power lines and/or electrical equipment.

1.3 Objectives

The primary objectives of the Wildfire Mitigation Plan are to:

- Ensure public safety through a system of continuous wildfire risk potential assessment, with strategies to mitigate any identified risks.
- Minimize fire ignitions from fault events by designing, constructing, operating, and maintaining hardened and resilient electric systems.
- Minimize the impacts of a wildfire to the utility and surrounding communities through enhanced situational awareness, operational readiness, and effective response strategies.

2.0 BACKGROUND

Northern Wasco County People's Utility District is a customer-owned utility that provides nearly 25,000 people and businesses with electricity in Wasco County, Oregon. NWCPUD is a Special District of the State of Oregon and governed by an elected five-member board.

2.1 Service Area

NWCPUD provides service to an area of approximately 87 square miles, encompassing The Dalles and the rural communities of Rowena, Dufur, Tygh Valley, Wamic, and Celilo Village. Outside of the municipal areas, the service territory is largely comprised of rugged, exposed terrain, with few areas of dense vegetation.



Figure 1: NWCPUD Service Territory

2.2 Electric System

NWCPUD takes delivery of energy through BPA's Big Eddy, The Dalles, Chenowith, and Quenett Creek substations, which feed NWCPUD's substations via a series of NWCPUD- and BPA-owned 115 kV and 230 kV transmission lines. The southern portion of the service territory is fed from a 69 kV NWCPUD-owned transmission line that originates at the Three Mile substation.

NWCPUD is a winter-peaking utility at approximately 205 MW.

2.3 Asset Overview

The following is a summary table of the NWCPUD electric system assets that are currently in service.

Asset	Quantity	
Substations	9	
Transmission & Distribution Pole Structur	7406	
Overhead Distribution Transformers	2411	
Pad-Mount Distribution Transformers	775	
Asset	Overhead Miles	Underground Miles
Transmission Lines	40	-
Primary Distribution Lines	196	51
Secondary Service Lines 129		63

Table 2: Electric System Asset Summary

2.4 Fire Protection Zones

The majority of the NWCPUD service territory is non-forested land, though portions of our system approach the boundaries of the MH-1 zone, with restrictions established by the US Forest Service (Mount Hood National Forest).

3.0 RISK PROFILE

While the most destructive wildfires in our state typically occur in heavily forested areas, our district has a potentially hazardous combination of hot and dry summers exacerbated by periods of high winds.

3.1 District Wildfire Risk

The source of risk data for this plan comes from the Oregon Wildfire Risk Explorer, a partnership among Oregon Department of Forestry, Oregon State University Institute for Natural Resources, OSU Libraries and Press, the US Forest Service, and a wide variety of stakeholders throughout Oregon.



Figure 2: District Burn Probability

Figure 2 shows our electric system overlaid with the overall "Burn Probability," the likelihood of a wildfire > 250 acres burning in a given location. The yellow and orange colors covering our entire services territory indicate a "high" probability in all areas. Yellow indicates a probability of between 1-in-500 and 1-in-100. Orange indicates a probability of between 1-in-100 and 1-in 50.

3.2 Potential Ignition Sources

The possible causes for ignition of a wildfire by the components of the overhead electric system have been grouped into the following categories. Each of these is taken into account when planning, designing, and constructing the electric system.

- Contact with Objects
- Equipment Failure
- Wire-to-Wire Contact
- Other

3.2.1 Contact with Objects

NWCPUD's overhead power lines are installed as bare wire on top of insulated poles and structures. Depending on the voltage level and other design criteria, the power lines are kept a specified distance from the ground, from each other, and from adjacent objects in order to prevent contact. Even so, with hundreds of miles of conductors in the air, contact from objects is bound to occur periodically throughout the year.

Vegetation

Trees from inside and outside the utility right of way can come into contact with lines by falling, potentially causing electrical arcs or sparks. Occasionally, this can result in a downed line, creating a potential for fire ignition. In other instances, a tree or branch may lean or grow into a line, resulting in a continual burn at the point of contact.

<u>Vehicles</u>

Vehicular contact with poles or supporting guy wires can damage or break the pole, which in turn can put stress on other components, causing a line to break and fall to the ground with the potential for arcs and sparks.

Wildlife, Kites, and Balloons

Birds and other animals, as well as highly conductive kites and mylar balloons, can make contact with power lines and cause arcs and sparks. Protection devices such as circuit breakers, reclosers, and fuses are installed to isolate and protect against these faults but arcing or sparking can occur during the brief time that it takes for one of these devices to operate.

3.2.2 Equipment Failure

NWCPUD aims to have a highly reliable electric system, and achieves this through inspections, maintenance, and the timely replacement of aging equipment. However, environmental stresses continually wear on the equipment and can eventually result in a failure.

Failed components such as connectors and insulators can cause an energized conductor to fall to the ground, potentially emitting sparks prior to the breaker or fuse tripping. Other equipment such as transformers can fail internally, causing the protective fuse to open, which can produce sparks and ignite a fire under the right conditions.

3.2.3 Wire-to-Wire Contact

When two overhead lines contact one another, arcing and sparking can occur, creating a potential ignition source. This wire-to-wire contact can occur due to vehicular collision or falling trees. The utility's overhead lines are designed to meet the windy conditions of this service area, but it is still possible to have wire-to-wire contact due to a severe wind event.

3.2.4 Other

A potential ignition source can be caused by contacts from property owner equipment or contractors, or damage due to vandalism.

NWCPUD vehicles and tools can be a potential ignition source. Crews working in or driving through remote areas with dry grass or brush can cause this vegetation to ignite. Gas-powered tools and can cause ignition in dry conditions.

3.3 Risk Assessment

Because there is a high burn probability in our entire service territory, the whole district is susceptible to damage from wildfires, and all areas of our overhead electric system have at least some potential to ignite a wildfire.

District staff, however, believe that the most vulnerable areas are those that lie outside of the more populated areas of the City of The Dalles, the City of Dufur, and Tygh Valley. In the more rural areas, a fire is likely to burn longer before being detected and the response time of firefighters will be slower.

The areas listed below in Table 3 have been identified as the highest risk within our service territory based on the proximity to firefighting resources and also the age of the infrastructure.

Table 3	: Areas	of Highest	Risk
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Identification	Comments
Feeder 22	Chenowith Creek Rd, McDonald Way, Browns Creek Rd
Feeder 23	Cherry Heights Rd
Feeder 42	From Old Moody Rd to the Deschutes
Feeder 71	From Tygh Valley to Wamic
Feeder 92	From Taylor Lake to Rowena
69 kV Transmission	From 3 Mile Substation to Tygh Valley Substation

4.0 RISK MITIGATION STRATEGIES

This section describes the proactive measures used by the PUD to minimize the potential for wildfire ignition by the electric system.

4.1 System Inspection and Maintenance

The following rigorous testing and maintenance program contributes to both system reliability and wildfire mitigation.

4.1.1 Pole Testing and Treatment

NWCPUD complies with OAR 860-024-0011 and inspects, tests, and treats ten percent of its overhead facilities every year. This process includes visual inspection, pole sounding, inspection hole drilling, and fumigant hole drilling accompanied with a chemical application to preserve the life of the pole.

4.1.2 Detailed Inspections

Field Inspections

A detailed field inspection is performed on ten percent of the overhead facilities each year in accordance with OAR 860-024-0011. The field inspector performs this inspection on a per-facility basis documenting deficiencies, NESC code violations, and safety hazards.

Safety Patrols

Routine safety patrols of overhead supply lines and accessible facilities are performed in order to identify hazards to the public. A minimum of 50 percent of the system is patrolled each year.

Monthly Inspections

All substations are inspected monthly by Operations staff.

4.2 Vegetation Management

NWCPUD has implemented a vegetation management program and a board-approved Tree Trimming Policy focused on keeping Rights-of-Way clear of fuel. The policy and program include tree trimming and removal, vegetation mowing and trimming, and the application of herbicides.

4.2.1 Tree Trimming

Distribution Lines

Trees near our feeder lines are systematically trimmed a minimum of once every three to four years, with trouble areas being addressed more frequently as they are identified by our routine inspections. This information is documented in the PUD's Geographic Information System (GIS) as shown in Figure 3.

Transmission Lines

Areas near transmission lines are inspected multiple times per year and are trimmed more frequently than distribution lines, as soon as it becomes necessary.



Figure 3: Tree Trimming GIS Records

<u>Clearances</u>

NWCPUD tree-to-conductor clearance requirements exceed those required by the Public Utility Commission (PUC) in OAR 860-024-0016, as show below in Table 4.

Description	PUC Required	NWCPUD Policy
Transmission Minimum Clearance (50 kV – 200 kV)	7.5 ft	10 ft
Distribution Minimum Clearance (600 V – 50 kV)	5 ft	6 ft (bottom) 5 ft (sides)

Table 4: Tree Trimming Clearances

4.2.2 Other Vegetation

Grasses and other combustible vegetation are cleared in a ten-foot radius around each of our transmission poles through mowing, trimming, and the application of herbicides. This is completed a minimum of once every three years.

Presently, this type of vegetation management is also performed on a few distribution poles in difficult-to-reach areas. In lieu of the process described above, distribution poles in these areas, particularly on the feeder lines identified in Table 3, are wrapped with a fire-retardant pole wrap.

4.3 System Hardening

NWCPUD's existing construction standards provide for robust, reliable systems in the environmental conditions that are faced within this region. On a case-by-case basis, system hardening investments are evaluated. Hardening measures available to NWCPUD include:

- Stronger poles than required by code
- Use of steel or ductile iron poles rather than wood
- Larger spacing between conductors to reduce the potential for conductor-to-conductor contact
- Undergrounding

4.4 System Protection

The addition or modification of protective devices can minimize the chance that a fault will result in a wildfire ignition. There are three key areas where investments in system protection improvements may mitigate wildfire ignition hazards.

4.4.1 Non-expulsion Fuses

Fuses protect the distribution system from faults. Conventional fuses, when operated, expel hot particles and gases, which could potentially ignite a fire. NWCPUD primarily uses these conventional expulsion fuses to protect its overhead circuits. However, the engineering staff is assessing current-limiting fuses and other non-sparking devices that could be used to replace conventional expulsion fuses in high fire-risk areas. Because this would be a change to a long-

standing engineering standard, PUD staff will proceed cautiously with this approach to prevent the introduction of components that might adversely affect system reliability.

4.4.2 Reclosers

Operation

Under normal operating conditions, the PUD's reclosers are set to open and close three times for incidental faults (such as an object blowing into the line) before "locking out," which indicates the presence of a more significant fault.

During high-fire risk days, Operations staff can place reclosers into "one-shot" mode, which disables the automatic reclosing function. This does not completely eliminate the possibility of an ignition, but it does reduce the number of possible ignition-producing events.

Additional Reclosers

Because the majority of the PUD's reclosers are located within its substations, placing a recloser into "one-shot" will result in the entire feeder being de-energized during a fault. Since the first revision of this plan, Engineering & Operations have deployed two new field reclosers on feeders that supply power to high fire risk zones. This allows Operations staff greater flexibility in placing reclosers into "one-shot" mode in these higher-risk areas without reducing the reliability of the entire feeder. Engineering regularly evaluates the addition of reclosers to aid in reliability and reduce wildfire risk.

4.4.3 Cutout-Mounted Reclosers

Cutout-mounted reclosers are protective devices that mount in a fuse cutout (serving as a fuse replacement), but which operate similarly to a recloser. NWCPUD is performing a pilot installation of cutout-mounted reclosers on Feeder 71 between Tygh Valley and Wamic in 2024.

These devices provide many of the same benefits as a traditional recloser, but at a reduced cost, and are suitable for lower-load areas of our electric system.

4.5 Operational Tools and Practices

The following systems, tools, and work practices aid in the mitigation of wildfires.

4.5.1 Systems and Tools

Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI)

The AMI system provides Operations staff with rapid notification of outages, allowing for faster response times.

<u>SCADA</u>

The Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system was deployed in 2022-2023. This system provides overall monitoring of all substations and field reclosers and provides real-time weather conditions throughout our service territory. The SCADA system allows staff to respond more quickly to system events or changing weather conditions. Presently, the system is read only, but in 2024 an enhancement is planned, which will provide the ability for Operations staff to remotely place reclosers into one-shot mode, improving response time to changing fire weather conditions.

Fleet Fire Suppression Equipment

Each fleet vehicle is equipped with the appropriate fire suppression equipment given the use of the vehicle. Table 5 identifies the equipment in each type of NWCPUD fleet vehicle.

Vehicle Type	ID	Fire Suppression Equipment	
Eng & On Vehicles	A 11	Shovel, ABC Fire Extinguisher, Water Fire Extinguisher	
Eng & Op venicies	All	(Fire season only)	
Dueleet Truelee	A 11	Shovel, ABC Fire Extinguisher, Chainsaw w/ Spark	
BUCKET TRUCKS	All	Arrester, Water Fire Extinguisher	
Diggor Trucks	A 11	Shovel, ABC Fire Extinguisher, Chainsaw w/ Spark	
Digger Trucks	All	Arrester, Water Fire Extinguisher	
Designated Fire Response	1.4	Shovel, ABC Fire Extinguisher, Water Fire Extinguisher,	
Pick-up	14	Fire Suppression Tank (125 gal)	
Foreman Pick-up	0	Should ABC Fire Futinguisher Mater Fire Futinguisher	
(backup)	9	Shovel, ABC Fire Extinguisher, Water Fire Extinguisher	
Foroman Dick up	10	Shovel, ABC Fire Extinguisher, Water Fire Extinguisher,	
Foreman Pick-up		Fire Suppression Tank	
Foreman Pick-up	81	Shovel, ABC Fire Extinguisher, Water Fire Extinguisher	
Sorvico Truck	3	Shovel, ABC Fire Extinguisher, Chainsaw w/ Spark	
Service Truck		Arrester, Water Fire Extinguisher	
Sonvico Truck	55	Shovel, ABC Fire Extinguisher, Chainsaw w/ Spark	
Service Huck		Arrester, Water Fire Extinguisher	
Floot ATV	58	ABC Fire Extinguisher, Water Fire Extinguisher, Fire	
HeetATV		Suppression Tank (85 gal)	
Fire Water Trailer	69	Fire Suppression Tank (500 gal)	
		Shovels, Picks, Hoes, Portable Backpack Hand Pump	
Additional Equipment		Systems, 15 Extra ABC Fire Extinguishers, 6 Extra Water	
		Fire Extinguishers	

Table	5:	Fleet	Fire	Suppression	n Equipment
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4.5.2 Work Practices

During fire season, NWCPUD Operations staff reviews the current wildfire conditions and forecast on a daily basis, using tools such as the following:

- Oregon Department of Forestry
- <u>InciWeb</u>
- WECC Wildfire Dashboard
- <u>Northwest Interagency Coordination Center</u>

Industrial Fire Precaution Levels

The USFS will establish the Industrial Fire Precaution Level (IFPL) for each of the zones under its control. The following is a description of each level. Details, including prohibited and permitted activities may be found by consulting the USFS website. While the NWCPUD electric system is outside of USFS-managed lands, our crews and contractors do follow the IFPL restrictions for our area.

Table 6: Industrial Fire Precaution Levels

IFPL	Description
IFPL I	Fire precautions in effect (fire season)
IFPL II	Limited Shutdown
IFPL III	Restricted Shutdown
IFPL IV	Complete Shutdown

During wildfire season, the IFPL restrictions may change daily. NWCPUD operations staff and its contractors must be aware of the current IFPL, and shift work protocols as required to comply with the active restrictions.

4.5.3 Training

Incident Command System

In 2020 NWCPUD began an initiative for all staff to receive ICS 100 training. Additional training was held in 2021, and periodic tabletop exercises will be performed to keep staff prepared for regional disasters, including wildfires.

Fire Safety

Field staff receive annual fire safety training. Other staff members participate in regional training and workshops as these events become available.

4.5.4 Interagency Collaboration

NWCPUD collaborates with other regional entities for development of strategies and disaster preparedness. These include:

- Wasco County Sheriff
- Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue
- Oregon Department of Transportation
- Bonneville Power Administration (BPA)
- Other PUDs and Cooperatives
- Oregon Public Utility Commission

Additionally, NWCPUD has mutual-aid agreements with the following organizations:

- Wasco Electric Coop
- Hood River Electric Coop
- Klickitat PUD
- City of Cascade Locks
- Bonneville Power Administration (BPA)
- American Public Power Association (APPA)
- Western Regional Mutual Assistance Group (WRMAG)

5.0 RESPONSE STRATEGIES

PUD staff uses several different methods of proactively addressing the wildfire risks in our region. These are described in detail below.

5.1 Situational Awareness

PUD staff keeps informed of environmental conditions affecting the district through several channels.

5.1.1 Weather Monitoring

Operations staff monitors current weather conditions throughout our service territory through District-owned weather stations connected to the SCADA system. The SCADA system notifies key Engineering & Operations personnel via text message on abnormal conditions such as high wind speeds.

In addition to our own weather monitoring equipment, Operations staff monitors current and ten-day weather forecasts daily, provided by the National Weather Service (NWS) (<u>https://forecast.weather.gov/</u>). Current fire hazard conditions are also provided by the NWS Fire Weather site, which indicates the current "Fire Weather Watch" and "Red Flag Warning" conditions for the area. (<u>https://www.weather.gov/fire/</u>)

Additionally, select PUD staff are subscribed to receive automatic weather alerts via the Wasco County Citizens Alert system (<u>https://member.everbridge.net/index/453003085612392</u>).

5.1.2 Active Fire Monitoring

The status of active fires in the region is monitored at least daily during fire season using tools listed in Section 4.5.2.

5.2 Operational Response

When the situational awareness indicates that it is time to take action, NWCPUD proceeds in a methodical fashion, altering operations to mitigate the growing risk.

5.2.1 Operating Procedure Changes

NWCPUD adjusts its normal operating procedures as indicated below in Table 7.

Status	Response
Fire Meather Match	 Monitor forecasted conditions more frequently
	 Monitor and adhere to IFPL requirements
	 Evaluate the situation for ICS activation and PSPS
	 Activate modified relay and recloser sensitivity
Red Flag Warning	settings
	 Limit non-critical maintenance work
	 Monitor and adhere to IFPL requirements
	 Evaluate the situation for ICS activation and PSPS
	 Activate modified relay and recloser sensitivity
	settings
	 Communicate with local emergency management
Extremely Critical Risk	organizations
(Red Flag Warning AND	 Cease non-emergency maintenance work
Sustained Winds > 40 mph)	 Monitor and adhere to IFPL requirements
	 Patrol lines in high-risk areas identified in Table 3
	 Following any outage (planned or unplanned),
	perform detailed downstream inspection prior to re-
	energizing
	Active ICS
Fire Event	 Coordinate de-energizing/re-energizing sections of
(Involving PLID Assets)	line with local emergency management organizations
	 Implement PSPS as necessary
	 Make repairs and assess before re-energizing

Table 7: Operational Response Strategies

5.2.2 Modified Recloser Settings

To mitigate the ignition risk in the areas identified in Table 3, the following reclosers will be placed into one-shot mode as described in Section 4.4.2.

Table 8: Modified	Recloser Settings
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Identification	Feeder	Location
B964	Feeder 92 (Rowena)	River Trail Substation
B168	Feeder 42 (Celilo)	Columbia View Dr
B1048	Feeder 42 (Celilo)	Fifteen Mile Rd
B526	Feeder 22 (W 10 th Street)	Chenowith Creek Rd
B1047	Feeder 23 (E 10 th Street)	Cherry Heights near 13 th St
B515	Feeder 71 (Tygh Valley)	Tygh Valley Substation
3B1	69 kV Transmission	Three Mile Substation

5.2.3 Internal Communications

Current IFPL and forecasted conditions are monitored by the Chief Operating Officer and the Operations Supervisor daily. Updates on status levels, safety precautions, and procedures are communicated to field crews daily, prior to work beginning and during crew tailboard meetings.

5.2.4 External Communications

Each year before the start of the typical wildfire season, the general public and our customerowners will be provided a summary of our current Wildfire Mitigation Plan and its potential impacts on them.

5.2.5 Incident Command System

An Incident Command System (ICS) is under development at this time and has been described in the Emergency Response and Restoration Plan, which will be revised to reflect the current organizational structure and capabilities. The ICS information presented below is an outline of what is expected to be in place following the completion of the PUD's ICS initiative.

The ICS is activated in response to incidents such as natural disasters and during large-scale outage events. When ICS is activated at NWCPUD, designated PUD staff fill the Command and General Staff roles on an as-required basis as shown in Figure 4 below.



Figure 4: NWCPUD ICS Structure (DRAFT)

5.3 Public Safety Power Shutoff

Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) is an option that is available, which de-energizes power lines during high-wind events combined with hot and dry weather conditions. NWCPUD uses PSPS as

a last response mitigation strategy during Red Flag Warnings or Extremely Critical fire risk conditions.

5.3.1 Evaluation and Determination

The necessity, location, duration, and timeline of a PSPS activation will be determined by the Incident Commander and may be in consultation with interagency partners including, but not limited to, the US Forest Service, Wasco County Sheriff's Office, and local fire departments.

The Incident Commander will evaluate conditions and will determine when it is safe for reenergization. Prior to re-energizing a line, complete and thorough line patrols of the PSPS area will be performed by Operations staff.

Potential Risks and Consequences

When considering a PSPS, NWCPUD analyzes the potential risks and consequences of this action, including:

- Potential loss of water supply to fight wildfires due to loss of power to well pumps and other pumping facilities.
- Negative impacts to emergency response and public safety caused by disruptions to Internet and mobile phone services during extended power outages.
- Medical emergencies for members of the community who require powered medical equipment or refrigerated medications. Additionally, a lack of air conditioning can negatively impact medically vulnerable populations.
- Negative impacts on medical facilities.
- Traffic congestion resulting from public evacuations in de-energized areas, resulting in longer response times for emergency responders.
- Negative economic impacts to local businesses forced to close during a power outage.
- The inability to open garage doors or motorized gates during a wildfire event could contribute to injuries or fatalities.

The risks and potential consequences of initiating a PSPS are significant and extremely complex. Based on the above considerations, NWCPUD reserves the option of implementing a PSPS when conditions dictate. While NWCPUD believes the risks of implementing a PSPS far outweigh the chances of its electric overhead distribution system igniting a catastrophic wildfire during typical summer weather conditions, the PSPS provides a last resort tool and another option in a crisis.

Determining Factors for PSPS

The decision to implement a PSPS is based on multiple triggers accompanied with the unique understanding of the NWCPUD electric system. No single element is determinative. Potential factors include:

- Imminent fire danger
- Critically dry vegetation that could serve as fuel for a wildfire
- Low humidity levels
- Red Flag Warnings
- Temperatures in excess of 100°F
- Winds projected beyond 40 mph in high-risk areas
- Mandatory fire orders in effect
- On-the-ground observations from NWCPUD or other agency field staff
- Active wildfire in the service territory
- Local topography

On a case-by-case basis, NWCPUD will consider de-energizing a portion of its system in response to a known public safety issue or a request from an outside emergency management/response agency.

5.3.2 **PSPS Communications**

Internal and external communications are of the utmost importance before, during, and following a PSPS activation. To the extent possible, NWCPUD will provide advanced notification of a PSPS and provide regular updates to staff via email and to the public via social media channels. Every effort will be made to directly contact community partners such as those identified in Section 4.5.4.

The following process flow charts depict the typical communication strategies executed in the event of a PSPS activation.

Internal Communication Protocol for PSPS



Figure 5: PSPS Internal Communications

External Communication Protocol for PSPS



Figure 6: PSPS External Communications

5.3.3 Continuous Improvement

NWCPUD will actively monitor the evolution of PSPS implementation factors by other regional electric utilities and will continue to refine its evaluation criteria and response processes.

6.0 PLAN MAINTENANCE AND IMPLEMENTATION

6.1 Review Cycle

This Wildfire Mitigation Plan will be reviewed annually and will be revised as necessary to follow all regulations required by local and state jurisdictions.

6.2 Roles and Responsibilities

The Wildfire Mitigation Plan is approved by the General Manager.

Operations management and other staff are responsible for maintaining the situational awareness and the state of readiness as outlined in this document. The Incident Command staff is responsible for implementing the Wildfire Mitigation Plan during wildfire events.

General Manager

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