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I hope this message finds you well as we welcome the New Year,

Recently we have received several inquiries regarding Wheatland Rural Electric Association's (WREA) relationship with Tri-State Generation and Transmission (Tri-State). I would like to take this opportunity to clarify our association.

WREA operates under an all-requirements contract with Tri-State, meaning that we purchase all of our power supply exclusively from Tri-State. In turn, Tri-State is responsible for meeting all of WREA's power needs. Tri-State is a not-for-profit Generation and Transmission Cooperative in which WREA has been a member-owner of since 1957, alongside 39 other electric cooperatives across Wyoming, Colorado, Nebraska, and New Mexico.

WREA receives power from seven delivery points throughout our 4,182 square mile service territory, one of which is Laramie River Station (LRS). LRS is part of the Missouri Basin Power Project (MBPP), in which Tri-State holds a 28.5% ownership stake of MBPP. Basin Electric Cooperative is the majority owner of MBPP and is responsible for operating LRS. The remaining delivery points are served by various transmission lines owned and operated by several entities, primarily by Western Area Power Administration and Tri-State.

Regardless of the transmission lines serving WREA, Tri-State is obligated to provide sufficient generation capacity and scheduling for WREA in the two different Balancing Authority's in which WREA's delivery points reside.

I hope this explanation addresses your questions and clears up any misconceptions regarding our relationship with Tri-State and LRS.

Sincerely,
Jason S. Wright
General Manager
Wheatland Rural Electric Association



Don't Forget!

Our Winter hours are Monday through Friday 8:00am-4:30pm.

Mark your Calendars!



- **Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp Applications are due by January 30, 2026, stop by the office or visit our website for an application or more information.**
- **Scholarship Applications are due by March 1, 2026.**
- **The Annual Meeting is March 25, 2026, at the Platte County Agriplex in Wheatland.**
***Keep an eye out for your Annual Meeting books in the mail, coming soon!**



HIGH WIND SAFETY TIPS:

- Drive safe and watch for loose debris or downed wires while driving.
- Always assume a downed wire is energized.
- Make sure you have a battery-operated radio.
- If you see a downed wire, stay indoors and call 911.
- Keep a flashlight handy to use during an outage.
- Keep spare batteries for an emergency or outage.
- Never touch a downed power line!



Capital Credits:

Just a friendly reminder, you should have already received your capital credit allocations in the mail!

The amount on the notice is **not** the amount you will receive on your capital credits check. This amount is your allocation from the 2024 operating margins. If you have not received your notice yet, please call the office at 307-322-2125.

Rebates:

We offer rebates! Here are some of the items: Heat pumps, clothes dryers, induction cooktops, refrigerators and/or freezers, outdoor electric power equipment, commercial and industrial electric motors. Don't forget to always look for the blue Energy Star! Rebates must be submitted within 90 days of installation. Stop by the office or give us a call before you buy to make sure your purchase will qualify for a rebate!

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Peppermint Hot Chocolate Cookies:



- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 large egg, room temperature
- 1 teaspoon peppermint extract
- 2-1/3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/3 cup baking cocoa
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 package (11-1/2 ounces) milk chocolate chips
- 1 cup marshmallow creme
- 1 cup finely crushed peppermint candies

Directions:

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Cream Butter and sugar in a large bowl until light and fluffy. Beat in egg and extract. Combine flour, cocoa powder, salt, and baking soda; gradually add to creamed mixture and mix well.

Drop by tablespoonfuls onto greased baking sheets. Bake until tops are cracked, 10-12 minutes. Remove to wire racks and cool.

In a microwave, melt chocolate chips; stir until smooth. Drop a teaspoonful of marshmallow creme into the center of each cookie. Dip half of each cookie into melted chocolate; allow excess to drip off. Immediately sprinkle with candies. Place on waxed paper and let stand until set. Store in an airtight container.

If you need to make a payment arrangement or want to inquire about energy assistance programs, we are here to help you. If you are struggling with a high bill and want to discuss options, please give us a call
307-322-2125