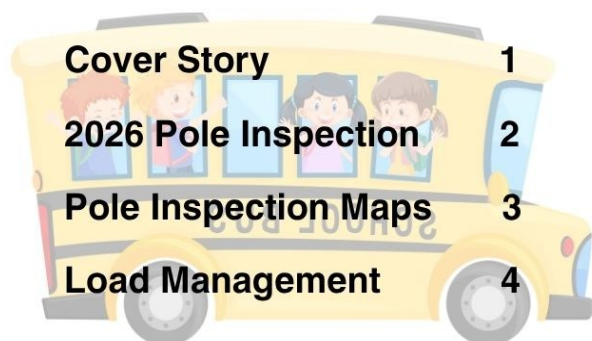




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🚜 Farm season means sharing the road with large farm equipment and an increase in slow-moving machinery on our local roads. Share the road with care. Farmers are just trying to get to and from their jobs, too.

#FarmLife #FarmSafety

It's harvest season. Please be extra cautious to keep everyone safe.

🚜 Slow down and stay alert — farm machinery often moves at slower speeds than regular traffic.

⚠️ Be patient — passing may not be safe or legal in many situations.

📱 Avoid distractions — put the phone down and keep your attention on the road.



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PREMA's 2026 Pole Inspection began Monday, July 13th. Global Utility Inspections from Fort Collins, Colorado have been contracted to do this work. The areas to be tested this year will be split between Hyannis and Alliance. (Hyannis area) All single-phase taps east and west of the three-phase line from Hyannis to Arthur, see attached map. (Alliance area) Starting at Hwy 71 and County Road 85 all single-phase lines north and south proceeding west along Hwy 71 into Sioux county and all lines west to Hwy 29, see attached map.

PLANNED POLE INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

The purpose of a planned pole inspection program is to find damaged poles caused by natural decay, equipment, or insects/rodents. Then, corrective action can be taken with a goal being to extend the life of the poles.

POLE DECAY

Decay of treated poles is usually a gradual deterioration caused by fungi and other low forms of plant life. Damage from insect/rodent attack (termites, ants, and voles) is usually considered jointly with decay because preservative treatment of wood protects against both fungi and insects. In most cases, the decay of creosote and penta-treated poles will be just below the ground line where the conditions of moisture, temperature and air are most favorable for growth of the fungi.

INSPECTION PROCESS

Our inspection process involves a visual inspection of each pole looking for mechanical damage, significant cracks, signs of insect activity or any other defect with the pole that may result in a pole failure and/or rejection. We will then complete a sound and bore test of the pole, where we expose the pole below the ground line, bore the pole at an angle on two different sides, determine the size of the decayed pocket below the ground line, if any, and sound the pole above ground line with a hammer looking for the decayed pocket to extend above the ground line.

GROUND LINE TREATMENT

All treated poles eventually lose resistance to decay. Ground line treatment with effective preservatives provides an economic extension of their physical life. Experience has shown that a well designed and implemented ground line inspection and maintenance program can significantly increase the service life of many poles.

Notes From Load Management

Since 2001, PREMA has offered some type of Load Management program. The strategy is to control load based on PREMA's monthly kW peak demand (May – September). By doing so, PREMA saves money on the wholesale power bill and this savings is then passed back to participants who are enrolled in the Load Management program.

Be sure to inspect your junction boxes, and electrical disconnects for proper function and cleanliness. Dirt and pests can cause poor connections and create unnecessary breakdowns.

Keep in mind ALL groups can be controlled every day during the month of September. Load control group status can be checked at www.prema.coop under the Irrigation tab. If you have any questions regarding Load Management feel free to call the office at (308)762-1311 and ask to speak with Nick Paradeis.



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