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## PSREC eNewsletter

**January 2018**

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## **Manager's Message**

### **Dear Members:**

Happy new year! 2017 was a busy, constructive year for PSREC and PST, and we look forward to another year of innovation during 2018.

During 2017, PSREC completed projects to improve system reliability and response times through our Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition system. The operations department worked hard to upgrade and automate control of key switches, which we hope will accelerate power restoration in case of outages.

We have also been increasing our removal of hazard trees on our system. This was a significant expense, but the multi-year drought harmed a tremendous amount of trees, and the single wet year wasn't enough to save them.

### **Be Prepared for Outages**

It's the season for outages. Even though your cooperative has invested in system improvements, removed hazard trees and kept up its ongoing maintenance, outages can and will happen. Being prepared can help make the best of a bad situation. Please visit our website, [www.psrec.coop](http://www.psrec.coop), for information on outage preparedness and electrical safety.

You can receive updates on major, systemwide outages via text. To sign up, text "PSREC" to 95577. Text notifications are sent when an outage is systemwide and expected to last longer than two hours. Please report all outages to us, day or night, at (800) 555-2207.

### **Telecommunications**

PST completed upgrades to the old cable TV system to begin offering broadband services via coax in Portola, Whitehawk and East Quincy. PST also upgraded and installed new wireless access points across our region to improve broadband service availability.

Repairs and upgrades to the coax system in Graeagle are progressing well, and we are actively signing up customers. Installations should have begun by the time you receive this, and we continue our efforts to upgrade the system in West Quincy. We have also installed new technology to serve Calpine wirelessly, and we plan to expand this new system to other unserved areas in our region.

The phrase net neutrality has been much discussed in the news and we are proud to say that we are net neutral. We do not give preference to any type of content over our system, nor do you have to pay more to get to your favorite sites. In addition, our internet services do not have data caps. You can stream videos, music and much more.

Please call us at (800) 221-3474 or visit our website at [www.pst.coop](http://www.pst.coop) for more information and to sign up for service.

### **Scholarships**

PSREC and PST are again offering scholarships to students who receive either electric or internet services from PSREC or PST at their primary residence in Plumas, Sierra, Lassen and Washoe counties. An application can be found on page 28. There is no upper age limit to apply for scholarships. The deadline is March 9. More information can also be found on our website at [www.psrec.coop](http://www.psrec.coop).

If you have any questions, or would like more information, please call me at (800) 555-2207 ext. 6076, or email me at [bmarshall@psrec.coop](mailto:bmarshall@psrec.coop).

**Sincerely,**

**Bob Marshall  
General Manager**

## Electric News

### A New Era in Line Construction By Donna Mills

Whoops and hollers erupted up a ravine and over a bluff. Cheers of linemen were echoed by a voice a half-mile from the service trucks coming over the co-op's radio, "Fifty-one minutes!" [Read the full story here.](#)

## Energy Services News



Don't forget about PSREC's WRAP Program! This program is available to qualifying members who would receive a monthly discount on winter electric bills, as well as educational material to help members understand and realize the benefits of energy conservation.

Call 530-832-4261 or visit [www.psrec.coop](http://www.psrec.coop) for an application today; once approved you can receive a discount on your kilowatt-hour rate during the heating season!

## WINTER RATE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (WRAP)

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NEW  
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## Quote of the Month

Our greatest glory is not in never failing, but in rising up every time we fail.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

## Upcoming Events

**January 5, 6, and 7**, “Nunsensations! The Vegas Review,” plays at the West End Theatre, 541 Main St. Quincy, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m., Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$18.

**January 6 and 7**, Ranger-led Snowshoe Walk. Lassen Volcanic National Park hosts a Ranger-led Snowshoe Walk at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13. Walks are open to those 8 years and older and last 1 1/2 to 2 hours. A donation to cover snowshoe maintenance is appreciated. Space is limited; free tickets are available each day inside of the visitor center. For more information, call 530-595-4480 or visit or visit <http://nps.gov/lavo>.

**January 13**, Spaghetti Dinner in Doyle. The Doyle Senior Building hosts a Spaghetti Dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13. For more information, call 530-595-4480.

**January 18**, Annual “Backcountry Ski Stoke” film festival provided by the Winter Wildlands Alliance plays the Town Hall Theatre, 469 Main St. Quincy, starting at 7 p.m. For more information call, 530-283-1140.

**January 18-20**, Couples Dance Class. Three-day dance class for couples wanting to learn to properly “lead and follow” at Mohawk Community Resource Center, corner of Hwys. 70 and 89, at 6 p.m. each evening. Strongly recommended that

participants commit to all three classes since each class builds upon previous one. Classes are free; however, donations are welcome to help fund MCRC. For information, call 530-836-0446.

**January 19, Cattlemen's Clinic.** Loyalton Social Hall, 105 Beckwith St. Loyalton. You will be able to get BQA certified at the clinic and receive tips from UC Davis's Brett McNabb, DVM on developing your whole herd health plan. Cost is \$15 and includes lunch, refreshments and materials. \$20 onsite and late registration. Register online at <http://ucce-plumas-sierra.ucanr.edu/>.

**January 20, Cattlemen's Clinic.** Feather River College, Golden Eagle Ave, Quincy. You will be able to get BQA certified at the clinic and receive tips from UC Davis's Brett McNabb, DVM on developing your whole herd health plan. Cost is \$15 and includes lunch, refreshments and materials. \$20 onsite and late registration. Register online at <http://ucce-plumas-sierra.ucanr.edu/>.

**January 20, Iconic Songs That Made The Movies.** Susanville's Best of Broadway presents Iconic Songs That Made The Movies at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20 at the Veterans Memorial Hall in Susanville. For more information, call 530-260-6191 or go to [www.susanvillebestofbroadway.org](http://www.susanvillebestofbroadway.org).

**January 21, Historic Longboard Revival Ski Racing.** Plumas-Eureka State Park, Johnsville Ski Bowl. 310 Johnsville Rd. 10:30 a.m. Period costumes, music, food and fun. Groomed slopes, Indorf Lodge and Lost Sierra Cafe open. Dogs on leashes only. For more information, call (530) 283-6320, or visit [www.plumasskiclub.org](http://www.plumasskiclub.org).

**January 25, Speakers Bureau.** Mohawk Community Resource Center. Hwy 89 and Hwy 70. Graeagle. Winston Churchill comes to life with Richard Short's portrayal of this famous British leader. Dick has selected the period of 1932 to 1945 for his presentation which includes a dialog and the actual speech Churchill gave to the American people in the 1930's. The event is free, though a \$5.00+ donation is welcome to help fund MCRC. For more information, call 530-836-0446 or email [jpolson@plumasruralservices.org](mailto:jpolson@plumasruralservices.org).

**See a full list of events at our website, [www.psrec.coop](http://www.psrec.coop).**