

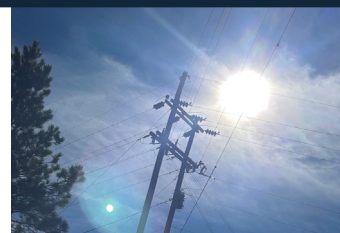


# POWERGRAM

A monthly newsletter for OCEC Members

Otero County Electric  
Cooperative, Inc.

## 2025 ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS



JUNE CALENDAR PHOTO  
submitted by Bill Denney

**JUNE  
2025**

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**AUGUST 2, 2025**



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**REGISTRATION - 8:30 AM  
BUSINESS MEETING - 10:00 AM**



Cloudcroft High School Gym  
Cloudcroft, NM



## PLANNED OUTAGE -JUNE 24, 2025

Otero County Electric Cooperative will have a planned outage on June 24, 2025 from 9 AM to 5 PM affecting all members in Cloudcroft, Timberon, Pinon, Weed, Mayhill, Sacramento, James Canyon and Highway 244 leaving Cloudcroft.

A structure on the transmission line feeding the Cloudcroft Substation must be replaced after being vandalized by gunfire, severely compromising the integrity of the structure.

OCEC does not have trucks big enough to replace a structure of this size and has called in additional assistance. In total, 41 personnel from OCEC, Tri-State, and Solar Electric Company will be working.

While this outage is in effect, OCEC will take advantage of the line being deenergized and perform additional maintenance that would normally require a separate outage. Line personnel will be replacing timbers on the transmission line, and vegetation crews will be cutting hazard trees in several locations.

We understand that target practice is popular among the general public but we vehemently ask that power poles not be used as the backdrop for such activities. The damage to this structure and the inconvenience of a day-long outage for members was 100% avoidable.

If you see someone using a pole as a backstop for their shooting activities, please report the situation to law enforcement.



This transmission structure was vandalized by gunfire, compromising the integrity of the pole. Crews will be taking an outage to replace it, leading to an extended outage for members and costly repairs for your co-op.

Poles should not be used as a backdrop for target practice. Report any such activities to local law enforcement.

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP

Take advantage of the warmer weather to reduce home energy use. Avoid using your oven and use a grill instead. Not only will cooking outdoors eliminate the electricity used to power the stove, but it will also avoid raising the temperature inside your home, reducing the need for additional air conditioning. You can also avoid using the oven with tasty no-bake recipes. Get creative in the kitchen and explore new ways to save energy!

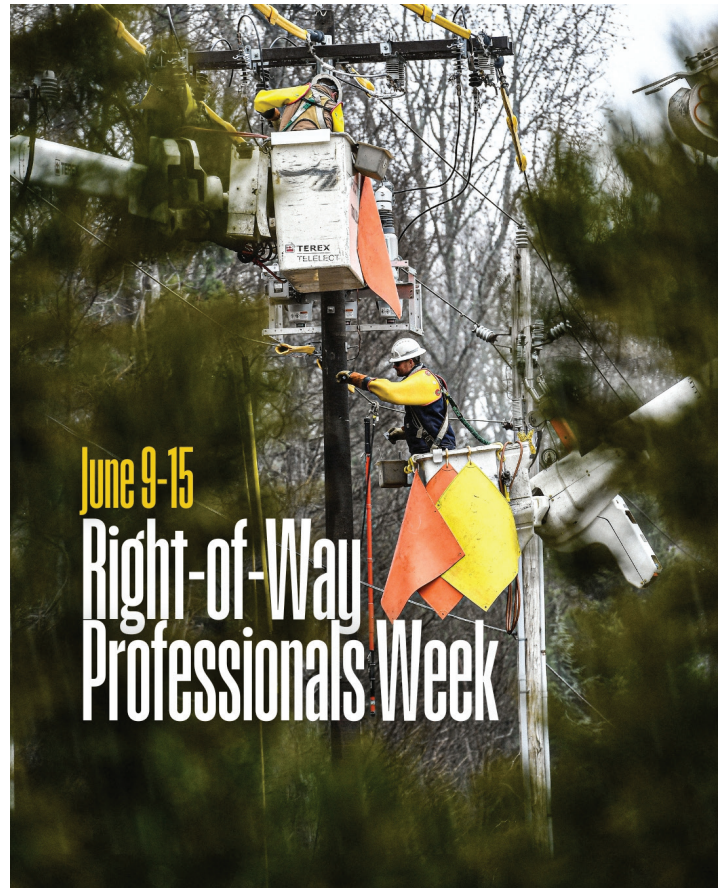
*Source: [energy.gov](https://www.energy.gov)*

## VEGETATION MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Crews working to trim trees and vegetation in rights-of-way are currently in the following areas and are expected to remain there for the next few weeks.

- Hwy. 380 - Capitan
- Cloudcroft
- James Canyon
- Piney Woods

We kindly ask for your cooperation when you see crews working to keep these areas clear. This task plays a vital role in reducing fire hazards and ensuring consistent power delivery to members.



OCEC's vegetation management crews are a critical part of keeping the lights on for our members. Let's take this time to thank them for helping to maintain the essential infrastructure that connects our communities!



**OCEC OFFICES WILL  
BE CLOSED FRIDAY,  
JULY 4, 2025.**