southern transmission

Known as the Caribou Transmission Line, the plan is to connect a major transmission line in the area to Lower Valley Energy’s energy grid, with an interconnection point in Soda Springs, Idaho. The project is a major endeavor, 6 years so far in planning and development. The new transmission line will support Lower Valley Energy load growth throughout the system, improve reliability, and help prevent regional outages. The line is being built by Lower Valley Energy’s power provider, Bonneville Power Administration. Preliminary engineering is currently underway, along with an expanded Environmental Impact Study and a public comment period open for August and September.

free light bulbs again!

It’s light bulb giveaway time! Just like last fall, we’re giving away compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) again! This time, every member gets 20 CFLs! Yes, you read it right! We’re also handing out information on the benefits of CFLs, and some safety and recycling tips. You should have already received a coupon with your latest bill — please sign the form and bring it in to either office for your 20 CFLs.

jhesp update

The Jackson Hole Energy Sustainability Project (JHESP) is an effort to transform Jackson Hole into a model of energy efficiency and innovation now and for future generations. The latest focus for the Town of Jackson/Teton County/Lower Valley Energy partnership is to prepare a plan for innovative financing options for energy efficiency upgrades. In addition, the group recently entered into a partnership with the University of Wyoming — hoping to explore energy audits and the participation and engagement in these energy efficiency programs.

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more appliance money?

In addition to our long running and very popular appliance rebate, the State of Wyoming now has some money for you. Below is a short list of the money available for appliances purchased after April 15th of this year — and this money will run out. As of the first 3 months of the program, 68% of the money remains for Wyoming residents! Please go to WyomingRebates.com for more information. (Remember, this is in addition to Lower Valley Energy’s appliance rebates.)

| High Efficiency Clothes Washers | $100 |
| High Efficiency Dishwashers   | $ 50 |
| Electric Heat Pump Water Heaters | $150 |
| Gas Tankless Water Heaters    | $150 |
| Solar (Electric or Gas Backup) Water Heaters | $150 |
| High Efficiency Gas Furnaces  | $250 |

The main focus of the Jackson Hole Energy Sustainability Project is to:

- Mitigate Jackson Hole’s load growth for the next 20 years by 33% through resource conservation.
- Develop local renewable energy options.
- Achieve an 80% penetration rate for energy efficiency building retrofits.
- Use energy use and emissions inventory data and the JHESP partnership to support the wide array of organizations already working on reducing emissions from transportation.
- Encourage and advocate for adoption of building codes requiring maximum energy efficiency for future buildings and infrastructure.

former lineman passes away

Former Lower Valley Energy lineman Carl Sporer passed away this summer. He will be missed by all and our thoughts go out to his family.