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*Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative
is dedicated to providing affordable,
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integrity, innovation, accountability and
commitment to community.*

Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, Inc.,
is an equal opportunity provider.



Mor-Gran-Sou remembers historic storms, celebrates Linemen Appreciation Day

This year marks the 10-year anniversary of two storms that caused major destruction in the Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative service area.

It started Jan. 20, 2010, when a week of dense fog and rain, frost and ice gripped the power lines. Electrical conductor that is normally the diameter of an ink pen turned into a 6-to 8-inch diameter block of ice, putting tons of additional weight on every pole. Then the wind picked up.

Sagging with the burden of the weight, poles snapped like toothpicks. Line crews, with assistance from contractors and crews from neighboring cooperatives, methodically fixed the wire breaks and damaged poles.

Some members were without power for as long as two weeks. It was the closest many had been to understanding what it was like the day the lights were first turned on.

The storm caused more system damage than the co-op had experienced in 30 years — and it paled in comparison to the historic snow and ice storm that occurred on Good Friday 2010. In this month's local pages of *North Dakota Living*, remember the storms and learn how the membership persevered.

UNCLAIMED CAPITAL CREDITS Is your name, or someone's you know, on the list?

Mor-Gran-Sou's April local pages in *North Dakota Living* also contain the names of current or former Mor-Gran-Sou members who have unclaimed capital credit checks that were mailed in December. These checks have either been received but not cashed, or returned to Mor-Gran-Sou by the postal service because they could not locate the members at the address on file. A further search by employees has not turned up their whereabouts.

If you know the whereabouts of members on this list, please have them contact Mor-Gran-Sou at 597-3301, 663-0297 or 800-750-8212. Persons who wish to claim checks will need to provide proper personal identification.

To see the list of names, read the April local pages of *North Dakota Living*.

Lights. Comfort.
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Annual Meeting 2020 July 17

Learn about co-op issues;
cast your vote and elect three members
to serve on the board of directors;
and enjoy a hearty meal.

Members, do we have your contact info?

Please make sure we have your updated mobile phone number, email address and mailing address on file! If you plan to move, let us know your forwarding address. That helps us convey important information about your account and our service, as well as confer a capital credit check when the time is right.

Please call 663-0297, 597-3301 or 800-750-8212, or log into your SmartHub account, to update your information. If you do not have a SmartHub account, set one up at www.morgransou.com.

Also in the APRIL issue of *North Dakota Living*:

- Adding a bin site or other new load? ■ Easter holiday closing
- Board meeting highlights and more

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

This spring, consider using a rain barrel to save energy. Rain barrels capture rainwater from a roof that can be used later for watering your lawn, garden or indoor plants.

LINEWORKER GEAR WORD SEARCH

Did you know lineworkers wear special protective gear to keep them safe while working on power lines and other electrical equipment?

Read the descriptions to learn about a lineworker's gear and find the **bolded** words in the puzzle below.

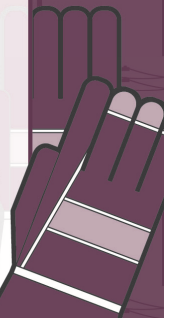
- **Safety goggles** keep debris away from lineworkers' eyes while on the job.
- **Hard hats** protect lineworkers from head injuries and falling debris.



- **Work boots** provide extra protection while lineworkers work with heavy materials that could fall near their feet.
- **Flame-resistant** clothing keeps lineworkers safe from electrical hazards.
- **Insulated gloves** protect lineworkers from electrical shock while working on power lines.
- **Equipment belts** hold several tools that lineworkers need to get the job done.



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5 STEPS FOR SAFE DIGGING

Working on an outdoor project? Always call 8-1-1 first, because you never know what's below. Here are five easy steps for safe digging:

Source: call811.com

1. NOTIFY

Call 8-1-1 or make a request online two to three days before you start.



2. WAIT

Wait two to three days for a response to your request. Affected utilities will send a locator to mark any underground utility lines.



3. CONFIRM

Confirm that all affected utilities have responded by comparing the markers to the list of utilities the 8-1-1 call center notified.



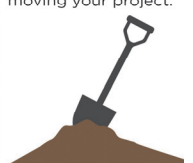
4. RESPECT

Respect the markers provided by the affected utilities. They are your guide for the duration of your project.



5. DIG CAREFULLY

If you can't avoid digging near the markers (within 18-24 inches on all sides, depending on state laws), consider moving your project.



HOLIDAY CLOSING: In observance of the Easter holiday, we will be closed on Friday, April 10. Line crews will be available in case of an emergency outage.