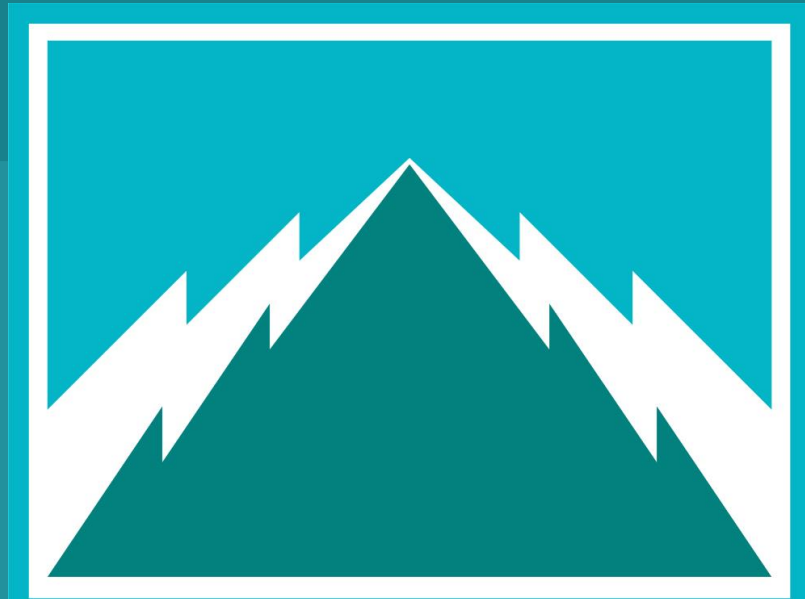


MT. Wheeler Power SET Council meeting August 26, 2026.



About us

Mt. Wheeler Power Cooperative was started in 1970 and currently services more than 4,800 member-owner accounts disbursed over a 18,000 square mile territory in four Nevada counties and three Utah counties.

Cooperative linemen maintain more than 200 miles of transmission line and over 1,800 miles of distribution line throughout Mt. Wheeler Power's service territory.



Company Overview

Mt Wheeler is a Cooperative Non-profit business model (501-c12) is an enterprise owned, governed, and operated by and for its members rather than outside investors. Profits are returned to members in the year created, while voting power follows the "one member, one vote" rule—focusing on mutual benefit rather than maximizing stock values. We are governed by a local elected board of directors and not regulated by the PUCN.

Mt Wheeler Service Territory



NAC Regulation Governing Exemptions.

NAC 232.460(2)(e)(1): This provision exempts any activity or project that is necessary to protect public health or safety.

NAC 232.460(2)(f)(2): This provision exempts emergency or routine administrative activities performed for a public purpose by a federal, state, or local agency or utility, provided the activity does not require any additional approval from the Federal Government or the State



Why this doesn't qualify for exemption.

The powerline extending to the Goshute Radar Site is a necessity for protection of the Utah Test and Training Range. Per the letter sent from the Hill Airforce Base the powerline is non-profit and for real-time tracking radar of aircraft and flight test assets

- Enhanced Flight Termination System capability ensuring public and mission safety
- Range-wide radio communications and integration
- Support for command-and-control functions; electromagnetic spectrum requirements; and intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance missions
- Support to kinetic and non-kinetic test operations including electronic warfare, cyber, and information environment activities

Currently, the Goshute Radar Site relies exclusively on generator power resulting in a single point of failure which increases risk to mission and flight safety. The UTTR is pursuing various infrastructure improvement investments including commercial power connectivity to sustain operations. Due to continually increasing national security implications, commercial power is crucial to sustaining the site's capabilities to support national defense operations.

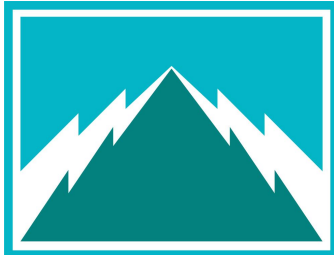
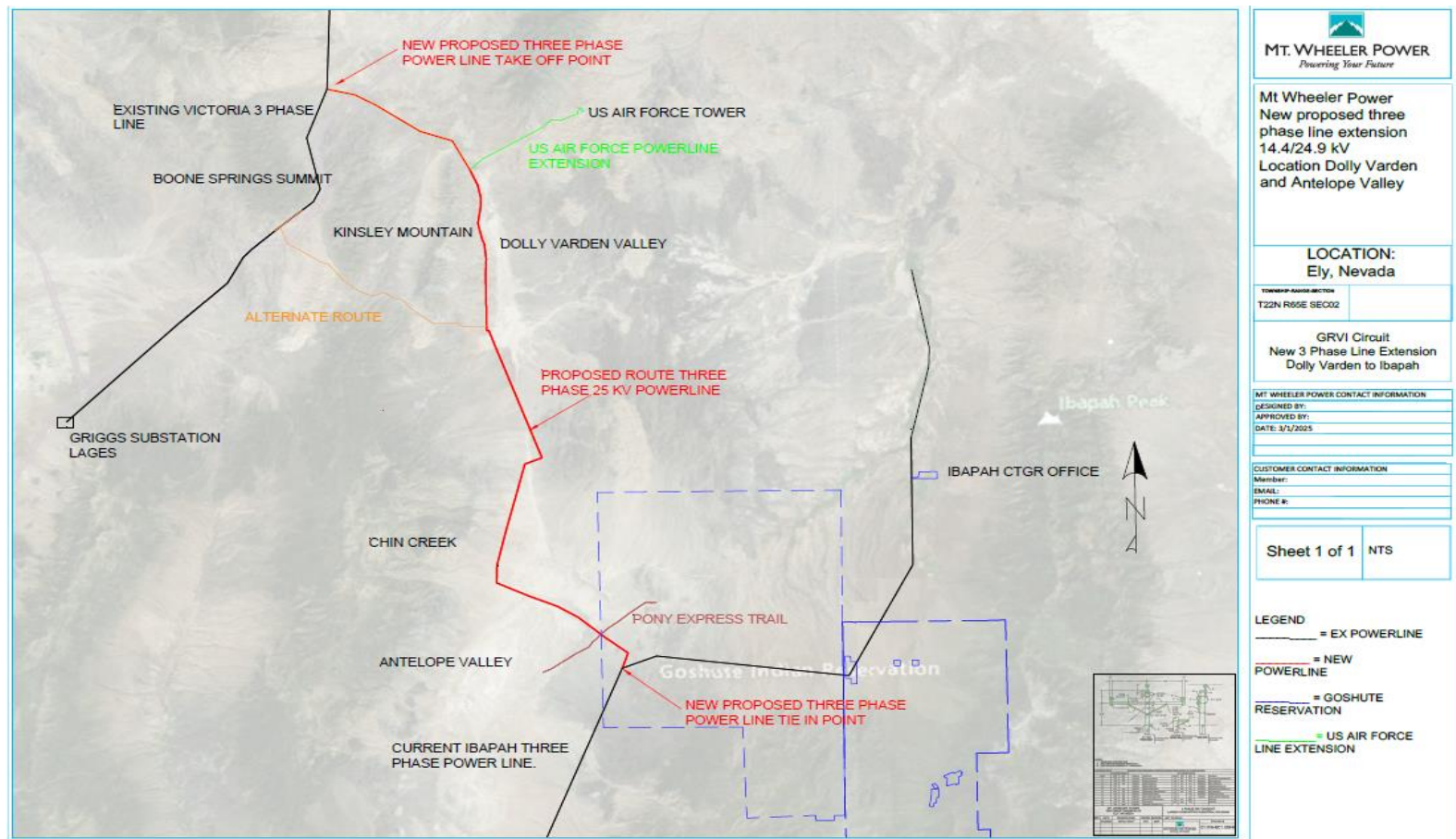


Mt Wheeler aspects does this qualify for exemption.

- Mt Wheeler Power service territory supports the Confederate Tribe of Goshute Reservation in Ibapah, Utah with an 85-mile three phase distribution powerline that starts in Baker Nevada. The feeder supports Mt Wheeler Power members in North Snake Valley, Calleo, Gold Hill, & Partoun, and Ibapah. (498 services) When this long radial powerline feeder has a powerline event (interruption or outage) of any kind, the members in these areas see the impacts of these power events and outages. The new powerline would provide a more reliable source for the members of Ibapah, as well as a more resilient powerline feeder for the local Fire, EMS, & the US Air Force. This new powerline would better support those depending on oxygen or any other health concern requiring constant electricity. We have multiple members that have backup generators for powerline interruptions.

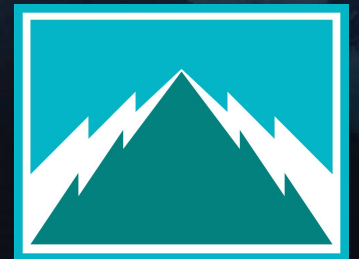


Project Construction Map



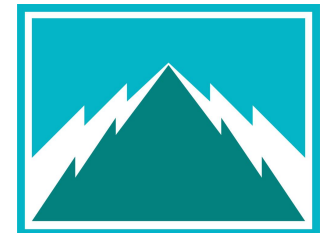
Powerline construction aspect for raptor protection

- Raptor friendly construction is costly, and every pole is outfitted with 10' Crossarms Fiberglass for anti-perch Possibilities.
- Raven mitigation program in partnership with US Fish and Wildlife, Nevada Department of Wildlife, and USDA with an annual take of 500 Common Ravens

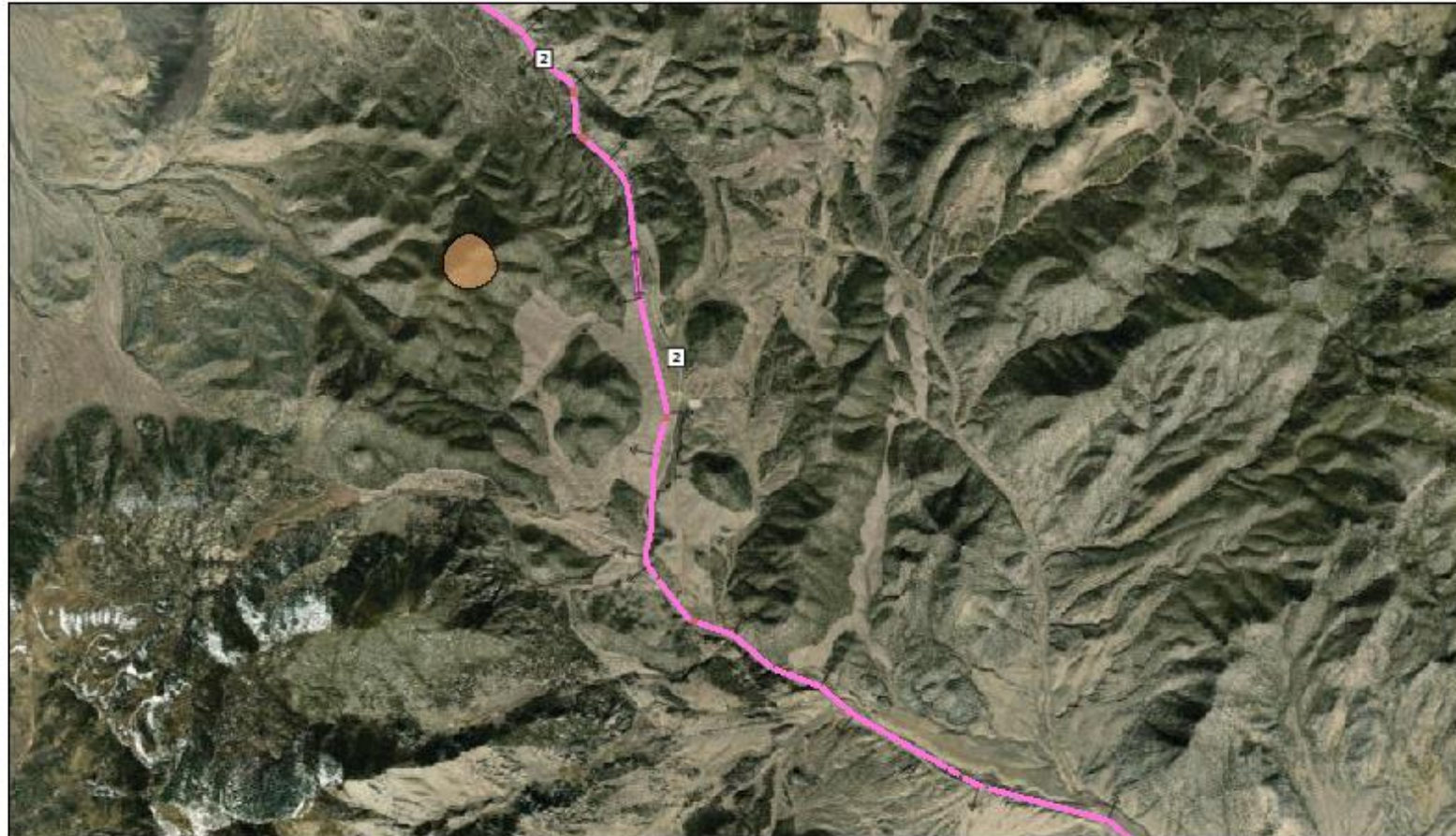


Fire Concerns traversing the Deep Creek Mountains

If an unfortunate wildfire event were to burn through our existing power line, the communities that are dependent on that service would be stranded with no replacement until we are able to access and replace the facilities needed to restore power to the area.



ArcGIS Web Map



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→ DownGuy --- BTAC
Primary Line Medium_WildfireHazard
--- ABC

1:72,224
0 0.47 0.95 1.9 mi
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Sources: Esri, TomTom, Garmin, FAO, NOAA, USGS, (c) OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community, Earthstar Geographics

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Health Care Support

- Ibapah Utah does have a Health Clinic, and this new powerline would connect to and is currently feeding this clinic. This is the only healthcare available in the Ibapah Valley located 65 miles from Wendover. 135 miles from Ely, 190 miles from Elko, and Salt Lake City.



General Concerns

- Most recent inventory provided by the SET would be at a cost of \$3.1 Million, on top of the \$4.2 Million in construction costs. With this estimate we are likely not to build due to the overall cost. Our members bear the costs of our capital projects, no stockholders or equity firms, our members, those taking service from the cooperative.
- \$3.1 Million dollars would result in an annual debt service to members of ~\$240,000 per year for 30-years.
- To run the HQT Assessment: The field inventory used to validate the sage grouse habitat aren't accurate. The costs to have an environmental company inventory the project are very costly to verify the credit requirements are accurate. The certified contractor costs for this project are around \$400,000.00.
- Sage Grouse credit costs and availability. Possible concern with not enough credits available to complete the project. These credits are now a brokered asset.
- Unpredictable market pricing: Because credit values are driven by private negotiations, prices can fluctuate based on industrial demand.



Long term regulatory maintenance

In Closing

- Mt. Wheeler Power is asking for a sage-grouse credit exemption based on public health, safety, and critical infrastructure needs under NAC 232.460. The proposed project directly supports the Utah Test and Training Range (UTTR), the Ibapah Health Clinic, and local emergency services, making it a critical public safety improvement. Due to the cooperative's non-profit status and the project's high cost-to-mitigation ratio, argue that the initiative qualifies as a public utility project exempt from standard mitigation requirements.



Thank you

Kevin Robison CEO

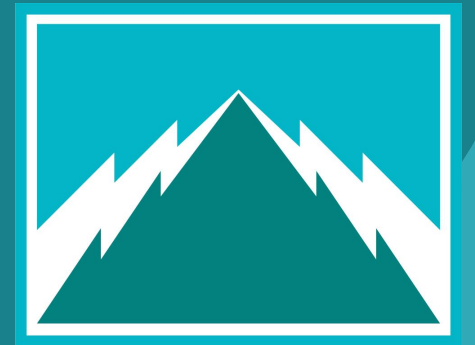
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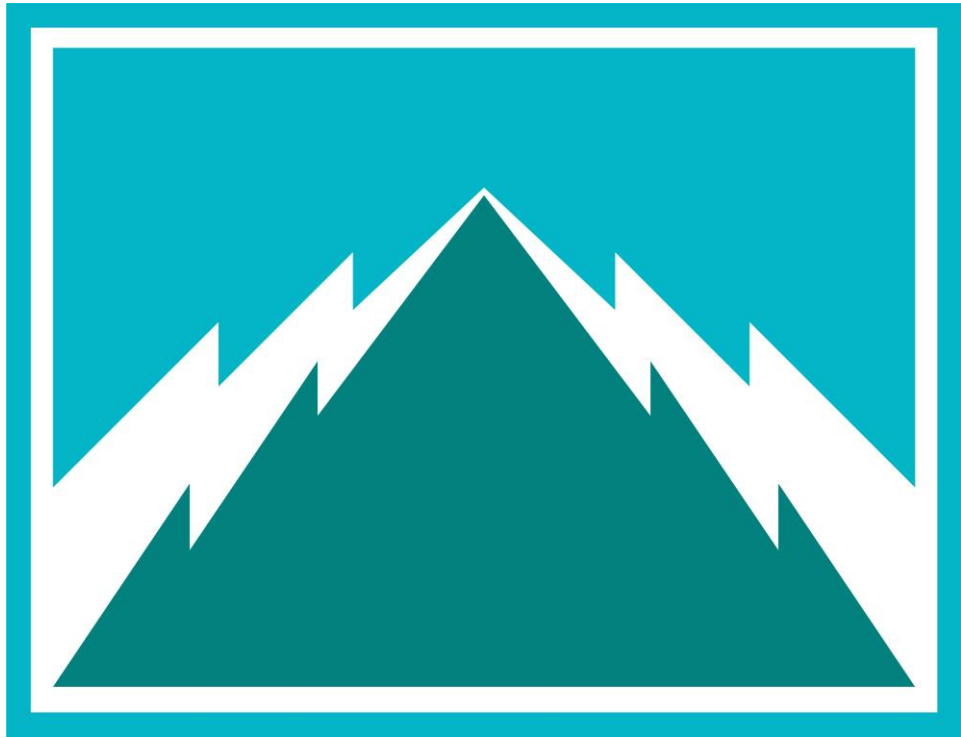
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