

## Join Us for Our Irrigation Customer Workshops!

Idaho Power invites you to attend one of seven irrigation customer workshops being held across our service area in January and February. All workshops will include a meal (lunch or dinner) and will cover similar content, with area-specific updates by regional managers:

- Planning for the future and meeting customer energy needs
- Irrigation rate design and the status of rate changes
- Water-supply forecasts and hydro operations
- Irrigation Peak Rewards — a program that offers financial incentives to customers who allow Idaho Power to remotely turn off specific pumps during periods of high system demand
- Irrigation Efficiency Rewards — how to save energy and money



### Mountain Home

- **Date:** Tuesday, Jan. 30, from 9:30 a.m. to noon
- **Location:** Elks Lodge, 325 S 3rd W St.
- **RSVP:** Tim Fenwick, 208-388-6366, [tfenwick@idahopower.com](mailto:tfenwick@idahopower.com)

### Shoshone

- **Date:** Tuesday, Feb. 6, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Location:** Lincoln County Community Center, 201 S Beverly St.
- **RSVP:** Troy Winward, 208-736-3430, [twinward@idahopower.com](mailto:twinward@idahopower.com)

### Burley

- **Date:** Wednesday, Feb. 7, from 9 a.m. to noon
- **Location:** Best Western Inn and Convention Center, 800 N Overland Ave.
- **RSVP:** Daniel Moore, 208-736-3215, [dmoore@idahopower.com](mailto:dmoore@idahopower.com)

### Parma

- **Date:** Tuesday, Feb. 13, from 5 to 8 p.m.
- **Location:** Senior Center, 410 N 8th St.
- **RSVP:** Duane Pearson, 208-642-6546, [dpearson@idahopower.com](mailto:dpearson@idahopower.com)

### Blackfoot

- **Date:** Tuesday, Feb. 20, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Location:** Melina's Mexican Restaurant, 321 NW Main St.
- **RSVP:** Steven Keller, 208-236-7744, [skeller@idahopower.com](mailto:skeller@idahopower.com)

### American Falls

- **Date:** Wednesday, Feb. 21, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Location:** Library, 308 Roosevelt St.
- **RSVP:** Steven Keller, 208-236-7744, [skeller@idahopower.com](mailto:skeller@idahopower.com)

### Caldwell

- **Date:** Wednesday, Feb. 28, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Location:** The Center at Canyon County Fair, 110 County Fair Ave.
- **RSVP:** Landon Goolsby, 208-420-2329, [lgoolsby@idahopower.com](mailto:lgoolsby@idahopower.com)

Stay up-to-date on the workshops by visiting [idahopower.com/workshops](http://idahopower.com/workshops).



# Peak Rewards Enrollment Coming Soon!

Enrollment is coming soon for Idaho Power's 2024 Irrigation Peak Rewards Program. This demand response program is available to all agricultural irrigation customers, even if you haven't participated before.\* Participants agree to have specific irrigation pumps turned off with a load control device or participate manually for a few specific hours when summer demand is high.\*\* You'll earn an incentive for participating.

Early in spring, Idaho Power mails each irrigation customer information about the program. The packet includes an incentive calculation sheet that estimates the potential incentive payments based on 2023 usage and enrollment forms to complete and return to Idaho Power. Please enroll by March 29.

If you have questions about participating, contact your agricultural representative or the Peak Rewards Program specialist at 208-388-2534.

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\* A one-time \$500 enrollment fee will apply for newly enrolled pumps with 30 horsepower (hp) or less.

\*\* Pump/system configurations with at least 1,000 hp (cumulative) or that have limited cellular communication are eligible for the manual dispatch option—please contact your ag rep for additional details.

## Program Incentive and Parameters

### Event Season

June 15–Sept. 15, Mon.–Sat.  
(excluding holidays)

### Event Duration

No more than 4 hours per day  
(No more than 16 hours per week or 60 hours per season)

### Event Window

Standard interruption option:  
3–10 p.m.  
Extended interruption option:  
3–11 p.m.

### Minimum Number of Events

3 events

### Fixed Incentive

\$5.25 per billing kW  
(demand credit) \$0.008 per billing kWh (energy credit)

### Variable Incentive

\$0.18 per kWh for the standard interruption option or \$0.25 per kWh for the extended interruption option, after the fourth event

### Incentive Adjustment

\$6.25 per kW based on current month's total billing kW, per opt out



## Reliability Work Shows Results

Idaho Power is proud of our record on reliability. We keep the lights on 99.9% of the time. That success comes from a lot of hard work.

In 2010, we rolled out a program that identifies and prioritizes improvements that have the greatest effect on safety and reliability. Our workers use this program to apply a 30-item checklist to the lines that deliver energy directly to customers. Among other things, workers determine if they need to:

- Replace switches
- Add fuses

- Install guards to protect the lines from birds or other animals
- Replace crossarms that hold up wires
- Replace poles

Since this program began, Idaho Power has upgraded overhead power lines across southern Idaho and eastern Oregon. The results have been impressive. Through this program, we've seen a 39% reduction in outages on lines we've upgraded.

For more details, visit [idahopower.com/reliability](http://idahopower.com/reliability).





# Planning for Safety

## Thinking ahead can provide you and your fellow irrigators a safe and productive irrigation season.

Electrical safety begins with making and executing a plan. Consider the following questions:

- What electrical safety training and equipment will my employees or I need?
- When should I maintain my electrical equipment and center pivot panels?
- Where will my irrigation equipment or haystacks approach power lines?
- Why should I stack my handlines away from the power lines?
- How will my new pipeline cross my powerline easement?

## What

Electrical safety has always been important. However, as electrical equipment is added and irrigation systems are automated, electrical safety is even more critical. Idaho Power provides electrical safety awareness training at irrigation workshops in your area. In addition, your ag rep and safety professional can provide information about other safety resources available.



## When

Electrical equipment (especially at the scale of pumping loads) heats and cools throughout the season. Temperature fluctuations can loosen connections due to the expansion and contraction of the conductors and connections. Check with your qualified electrician for recommended service intervals. Idaho Power will disconnect your irrigation service and reconnect it for a small fee.



## Where

Look for irrigation equipment or haystacks near transmission and distribution lines. The *Overhead Lines Safety Act* specifies minimum clearances from equipment, haystacks, buildings, etc., to the lowest conductor of a power line. Minimum clearances vary from 15 feet to over 50 feet. Contact your Idaho Power ag rep or safety professional to verify these distances.

## Why

Aluminum handlines, which are very conductive, and powerlines are a dangerous combination. Moving handlines from the pile to the field often includes removing animals and debris from the handlines. Raising the handline in the air is unsafe when close to an overhead powerline. Remember the safety of your family and employees when stacking handlines, and keep them a safe distance from overhead powerlines. Pay attention to end guns spraying onto distribution lines and equipment. The water can create an arc from phase to phase, or phase to ground.

## How

Safely install a new pipeline across or under a powerline easement by calling the Digline at 811 or 1-800-342-1585 at least two days before digging to identify utility conflicts, free of charge. Some projects may require planning an outage to de-energize or otherwise protect the personnel and the powerline if clearances are too low. Contact your Idaho Power ag rep for further information.



# Crews Work to Keep Grid Safe from Wildfire



Over the past several years, wildfire has become a central safety concern across Idaho Power's service area. The projects we're taking on to improve wildfire safety protect our communities from fire. They also protect our grid.

Our crews remain busy with many wildfire-mitigation projects. We hardened nearly 70 miles of distribution lines this year, including the line that serves the Centerville–Placerville areas, all with the goal of protecting those areas from wildfire and reducing fire risk. We're also rebuilding the line that runs from Horseshoe Bend to Yellow Pine.

Across the service area, we're wrapping wood poles with fire-resistant mesh, adding spark-prevention units,

increasing the frequency of vegetation removal, and stepping up inspections of poles and other hardware in areas that are especially fire-prone.

"Building and maintaining a safe grid is a non-stop job," Safety Director Shawn Kendall said. "Wildfire has become much more common over the past 40 years in our service area, so we have to recognize and treat that threat as the safety issue that it is."

This past summer was the company's second with a public safety power shutoff (PSPS) plan in place. A PSPS is when an electrical company proactively cuts power to a certain area temporarily during extreme weather. It is a last resort precaution to reduce wildfire risk amid

high temperatures, high winds, or dry vegetation. As in 2022, we didn't have to call a PSPS this past year.

"Every year, we face new challenges in wildfire, and every year, we get a little better at responding to them," Transmission and Delivery (T&D) Reliability and Engineering Senior Manager Jon Axtman said. "All of these steps we're taking to reduce wildfire risk and protect the grid — it's all done with safety foremost in our minds. Safety for our employees, the communities we serve, and the natural places we love."

For more information, visit [idahopower.com/wildfire](http://idahopower.com/wildfire).

## We Love Connecting with Our Agricultural Communities!

Idaho Power proudly supports our agricultural and irrigation customers and everything you do for our communities. Here are just a few of the ways we lend our time, talents, and volunteer power across our service area throughout the year.



We sponsored a table at the Parents Promoting Ag event in Emmett. Proceeds support agricultural-focused educational trips and resources for Emmett students.



Employees rolled up their sleeves to help prep the Malheur County Fairgrounds in Ontario for the upcoming fair.



Our energy advisors and ag reps in the Magic Valley had a great time interacting with our customers at the 2023 Ag Show at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.



We always love supporting our local 4H students, including Briley (and her lamb!) from eastern Idaho.